



May 27, 2020

To: Finance and Administration Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - April 2020

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority has a comprehensive investment and debt program to fund its immediate and long-term cash flow demands. Each month, the Treasurer submits a report detailing investment allocation, performance, compliance, outstanding debt balances, and credit ratings for the Orange County Transportation Authority's debt program. This report is for the month ending April 30, 2020. The report has been reviewed and is consistent with the investment practices contained in the Investment Policy.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Discussion

As of April 30, 2020, the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) outstanding investments totaled \$2 billion. The portfolio is divided into three managed portfolios: the liquid portfolio for immediate cash needs, the short-term portfolio for future budgeted expenditures, and the bond proceeds portfolio to meet Measure M2 transportation program needs. In addition to these portfolios, OCTA has funds invested in debt service reserve funds for the 91 Express Lanes Program.

The weighted average book yield for the OCTA portfolio is 2 percent. The book yield measures the exact income, or interest, on a bond without regard to market price change. The yield is the income return on an investment, such as the interest received from holding a particular security. The yield is usually expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the investment's cost and market value.

The OCTA's month-end balance in the Local Agency Investment Fund was \$10,859,947.27, with an average monthly effective yield of 1.7 percent. The OCTA's month-end balance in the Orange County Investment Pool (OCIP) was \$12,621,521.92. For the month of March, the monthly gross yield for the OCIP was 1.8 percent. Yields for the month of April will be received in May.

As a result of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), several rating actions have occurred. Specifically, during the month of April, the debt rating of two securities held within OCTA's investment portfolio were placed under review for possible downgrade, bringing the total number of securities on Negative Credit Watch to 13, and one security was downgraded during the month. Please refer to I-11 (Negative Credit Watch) and I-12 (Rating Downgrades) of Attachment A for further details. As of April 30, 2020, the securities reflected on I-11 and I-12 still meet the minimum ratings requirements set forth by OCTA's Investment Policy.

OCTA's debt portfolio had an outstanding principal balance of \$1 billion as of April 30, 2020. Approximately 62 percent of the outstanding balance is comprised of Measure M2 debt, nine percent is associated with the 91 Express Lanes Program, and 29 percent is for the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Loan.

Summary

The Treasurer is submitting a copy of the Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs report to the Finance and Administration Committee. The report is for the month ending April 30, 2020.

Attachment

- A. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs
– For the Period Ending April 30, 2020.

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