



Board of Directors Finance Committee Meeting North Carolina Turnpike Authority February 13, 2018



# NCTA Refunding Opportunity Overview

**Triangle Expressway System State Annual Appropriation Revenue Bonds (BABs), Series 2009B** 

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#### Triangle Expressway State Annual Appropriation Revenue Bonds, Series 2009B

- The Triangle Expressway System State Annual Appropriation Revenue Bonds, Series 2009B were issued as Federally Taxable, Issuer Subsidy Build America Bonds
  - NCTA was to receive a subsidy of 35% of the interest due on the bonds semi-annually
  - Due to sequestration, NCTA has not received the full subsidy since FY 2013
  - Sequestration rates have ranged from 6.6% to 8.7% and is currently 6.6%
- In August of 2017, NCTA entered into a Forward Delivery Bond Purchase Agreement for a refunding of \$161,515,000 Series 2009B Bonds (maturing 1/1/2022 through 1/1/2032)
  - A forward refunding eliminates concerns of the BABs subsidy being eliminated prior to the call date on the refunded bonds
  - The refunding achieved net present value savings of \$18.85 million or 11.67% of refunded par and annual cash flow savings average \$1.7 million
- Though the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act eliminated tax-exempt advance refundings in the traditional sense, there is a possibility that an advance refunding of taxable BABs is permissible as long as two federally subsidized issues aren't outstanding at the same time.



### **Refunding Overview**

- The Series 2009B Bonds are currently outstanding in a par amount of \$180,375,000
  - \$150,850,000 is eligible for a refunding on January 1, 2019 at par
  - Refunding does not include the non-callable Serial Bond portion of debt
- Refunding Alternatives include:
  - Option 1: Advance Refunding Closing 5/1/2018 (subject to Bond Counsel's confirmation of eligibility)
    - The execution of an advance refunding would subject the Authority to negative arbitrage and potential loss of BAB subsidy payments between closing and the call date.
  - Option 2A/B: Current Refunding Closing on 10/3/2018 or 1/1/2019
    - An advance refunding can be executed up to 90 days prior to the call date
    - Analysis assumed current market rates prevail at the time of closing though the transaction is subject to market movement



#### **Refunding Alternatives**

• Assumes market rates as of February 8, 2018 plus applicable credit spreads.

	Option 1 Advance Refunding	Option 2-A Current Refunding in October 2018	Option 2-B Current Refunding on the Call Date
Dated / Delivery Date	5/1/2018	10/3/2018	1/1/2019
Est. Pricing Date	4/11/2018	9/14/2018	12/14/2018
Par Amount	135,525,000	131,995,000	130,715,000
Par Amount of Refunded Bonds	150,850,000	150,850,000	150,850,000
All-In TIC	3.84%	3.76%	3.77%
Arbitrage Yield	3.11%	3.10%	3.10%
Net PV Savings <sup>1</sup>	8,082,977	12,893,706	15,389,623
% Savings of Refunded Bonds	5.36%	8.55%	10.20%
Negative Arbitrage	1,334,486	593,006	-

\*Refunding analysis assumes a 6.60% Sequestration rate (32.69% subsidy) on the refunded bonds.



#### **Refunding Timing Considerations**

- Estimated Savings increase as the closing date approaches the call date if rates remain stable
- Though rates have seen some volatility over the prior months



Estimated NPV Savings based on



AA rated Revenue Bond Rates



### **Breakeven Analysis** – Interest Rate Sensitivity

- A Current Refunding on or near 1/1/2019 based on today's interest rates and the assumptions herein, is \$15.4 million or 10.2% of refunded par but ...
- NCTA would carry interest rate risk until the current refunding bonds could be priced.
- Advance Refunding Breakeven
  - Closing the transaction today would subject the Authority to negative arbitrage within the escrow and potential loss of BAB subsidy payments between closing and the call date.
  - PFM estimates rates could increase <u>50 bps</u> and NCTA would achieve the same savings to execute a current refunding on the call date as it would to execute an advance today.

## 2018 Finance Committee Meeting Dates

**David Roy** 

## **Proposed Meeting Dates**

#### All meetings scheduled to begin at 9:30 AM

Wednesday, March 21st

Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, September 19th

Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, December 19th