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# Memorandum

#### AGENDA ITEM 6

**DATE:** August 26, 2021

TO: Transportation Authority Board

**FROM:** Cynthia Fong - Deputy Director for Finance and Administration

**SUBJECT:** 09/14/21 Board Meeting: Authorize the Executive Director and Other Authorized Representatives to Enter Into a Revolving Credit Agreement for \$125 Million with U.S. Bank National Association; to Execute and Deliver of Legal Documents Relating Thereto; and to Take of All Necessary or Appropriate Related Actions in Connection Therewith

	□ Fund Allocation
• Authorize the Executive Director and other authorized representatives to:	□ Fund Programming □ Policy/Legislation □ Plan/Study
o Enter into a Revolving Credit Agreement (RCA) with U.S. Bank National Association (U.S. Bank) for \$125 Million	□ Capital Project Oversight/Delivery
<ul> <li>Enter into associated legal documents and amend the RCA and associated legal documents</li> </ul>	□ Budget/Finance ⊠ Contract/Agreement
o Take all necessary related actions	□ Other:
o Negotiate terms and conditions	
SUMMARY	
In order to ensure we have available funds on hand when needed to support the delivery of the projects and programs in the Prop K sales tax Expenditure Plan, we plan to continue to utilize an interim borrowing program, in the form of an RCA, in combination with pay-go sales tax revenues to address ongoing project expenditure needs. Our prior RCA with State Street and U.S. Bank expired in June 2021. In April 2021, we issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to replace the prior interim borrowing facility following its expiration. On the proposal due date, we received proposals from five financial institutions summarized in Attachment 1. The review panel, consisting of staff and our financial advisor recommends that the Transportation Authority enter into a new RCA with U.S. Bank. The proposed RCA and supplement indenture are enclosed and U.S. Bank's RFP response (term sheet) is included in Attachment 2. We will seek approval from the Board prior to drawing down any funds from the RCA.	

#### BACKGROUND

We have historically relied on pay-go sales tax revenues and an interim borrowing program - initially through a \$200 million Commercial Paper (CP) Notes program which was converted in 2015 to a \$140 million revolving loan (Revolving Credit Agreement or RCA) with State Street Bank and renewed and extended in 2018 with State Street Bank and U.S. Bank - to fund the capital projects and programs included in the Prop K Expenditure Plan. The proposed RCA is an alternative variable rate financing method to traditional CP Notes and is a loan directly from a commercial bank. From time to time, we have utilized proceeds from prior interim borrowing facilities to fund peak capital expenditures that could not be met with available sales tax revenues. Following the issuance of the Transportation Authority's Senior Lien Bonds in 2017 (our first and only bond issuance to date), which provided approximately \$200 million in bond proceeds for projects, we had minimal interim borrowing needs. At the time of the expiration date of the prior RCA, June 7, 2021, we had no outstanding balances under the facility. Given the expectations for the timing of project expenditure reimbursement requests for existing grant obligations and anticipated future allocations, we desire to maintain an interim borrowing program in an amount not to exceed \$125 million. This is consistent with our Prop K Strategic Plan which reflects advancement of funds and associated financing to support faster project delivery than we could support on a pay-go basis.

*Procurement Process.* On April 14, 2021, we issued an RFP to banks active in the municipal lending market for up to \$200 million in bank credit commitment in the form of an RCA to support our interim borrowing program. While a pre-proposal conference was not held, proposers were able to submit questions and receive responses by April 26. We advertised the RFP in both the San Francisco Chronicle and San Francisco Examiner.

By the due date of May 14, 2021, we received proposals from five financial institutions in response to the RFP. Of the five proposals, the review panel deemed four proposals to be responsive in terms of proposed terms, commitment amount, and facility type. The remaining proposal could not meet the Transportation Authority's desired terms and conditions. See Attachment 1 for a summary of the five bank proposals received.

A review panel consisting of our staff and KNN Public Finance LLC, evaluated the bank credit facility proposals based on responsiveness to the RFP, as well as qualifications and other criteria identified in the RFP, with an emphasis on proposers' fees, duration of commitment, their credit ratings and various proposed terms. Based on this competitive review and selection, the review panel recommends entering into a new RCA with U.S. Bank. U.S. Bank offered a commitment of up to \$200 million (although we recommend that the RCA be based on a commitment amount of \$125 million) along with the most cost-effective financing solution to us.

U.S. Bank has provided bank credit support to a number of issuers in the San Francisco community, including the Transportation Authority in connection with the prior facility. Given our recent partnership with U.S. Bank, we do not foresee any challenges in the contract negotiations.

Attachment 2 is the RFP response containing the term sheet for the U.S. Bank RCA. Information deemed proprietary and/or a trade secret for a financial institution has been redacted per California Government Code Section 6250, et seq.

#### California Government Code Section 5852.1

The following information is made available in accordance with recently enacted California Government Code Section 5852.1 to provide certain public disclosures related to the proposed financing. All figures represent good faith estimates based on the U.S. Bank RCA proposal and assume i) a fully drawn facility up to the proposed not-to-exceed amount of \$125 million over the term of the facility, ii) a variable rate of interest based on a three-year historical average of the tax-exempt Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) interest rate over the RCA term, iii) our current credit ratings, and iv) a 3-year term of the RCA facility.

- 1) True Interest Cost of the RCA. Assuming an aggregate principal amount of \$125,000,000 of borrowings under the RCA and based on an assumed three-year historical average variable rate of interest over the RCA term, a good faith estimate of the true interest cost of the RCA, which means the rate necessary to discount the amounts payable on the respective interest payment dates to the proceeds received under the RCA, is 1.230%.
- **2)** Finance Charge of the RCA. Assuming an aggregate principal amount of \$125,000,000 of borrowings under the RCA and based on market rates prevailing at the time of preparation of this information, a good faith estimate of the finance charge of the RCA, which means the sum of all fees and charges paid to third parties (or costs associated with the RCA), is \$127,950.
- **3)** Amount of Proceeds to be Received. Assuming an aggregate principal amount of \$125,000,000 of borrowings under the RCA and based on market interest rates prevailing at the time of preparation of this information, a good faith estimate of the amount of proceeds expected to be received by the Transportation Authority for borrowings under the RCA less the finance charge of the RCA described in 2 above and any reserves or capitalized interest paid or funded with proceeds of the RCA, is \$124,872,050.
- **4)** Total Payment Amount. Assuming an aggregate principal amount of \$125,000,000 of borrowings under the RCA and based on an assumed three-year historical average variable rate of interest over the RCA term, a good faith estimate of the total payment amount, which means the sum total of all payments the Transportation Authority will make to pay debt service on the RCA plus the finance charge of the RCA described in paragraph 2 above not paid with the proceeds of the RCA, calculated to the final maturity of borrowings under the RCA, is \$4,740,450.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed Fiscal Year 2021/22 budget assumes fees for the RCA. Based on the fees and interest rates proposed for a three-year agreement and assuming the Transportation Authority's full utilization under the RCA, the all-in total cost is estimated to be \$1,665,450 in year one and \$1,537,500 in each of the subsequent two years. Assuming a fully drawn RCA facility at \$125 million over the three-year term, the Transportation Authority's total cost is estimated to be \$4,740,450. We note that these are total estimated costs based on a fully drawn RCA. If the Transportation Authority did not need to utilize the RCA in year one, then the estimated fee in the first year of the facility would be \$250,000. We would seek the approval of the Board prior to drawing down any funds from the RCA.

# CAC POSITION

The Community Advisory Committee will consider this item at its September 1, 2021 meeting.

# SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

- Attachment 1 Table of RFP Responses
- Attachment 2 U.S. Bank RFP Response (Term Sheet Included)
- Enclosure A Form of Revolving Credit Agreement
- Enclosure B Form of Supplemental Indenture

Bank	Type of Facility/ Commitment Amount	Variable Rate Index and Applicable Spread <sup>1</sup>	Unutilized Fee	Bank Credit Ratings (Moody's / Standard & Poor's/Fitch)
Former State Street/US Bank Revolver (Expired June 2021)	RCA \$140M	80% of LIBOR 40.0bp	24.0bp	Aa1/AA-/AA Aa2/AA-/AA-
U.S. Bank (recommended)	RCA/Up to \$200M	SIFMA Index <sup>2</sup> 35.0bp	20.0bp	A1 / AA- / AA-
State Street Public Lending Corporation	RCA/Up to \$100M	80% of LIBOR 43.0bp	23.0bp	Aa1 / AA- / AA
Bank of America, National Association	RCA/Up to \$200M	SIFMA Index 42.5bp	30.0bp	Aa2 / A+ / AA-
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association	RCA/Up to \$200M	80% of LIBOR 75.0bp	35.0bp	Aa2 / A+ / AA
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	LOC/Up to \$200M	n/a	n/a	A1 / A / A

# Attachment 1: Table of RFP Responses

<sup>1</sup> Based on proposed pricing for 3-year term. <sup>2</sup> U.S. Bank RFP response used the LIBOR Index, but later converted to SIFMA Index at our request.

# Attachment 2

# **San Francisco County Transportation Authority**

# Proposal to Provide Revolving Credit Agreement

Indicative Terms and Conditions

May 14, 2021

- **Borrower:** San Francisco County Transportation Authority ("SFCTA," the "Authority" or the "Borrower"). **Debt Issue:** A Revolving Credit Agreement between the Borrower and U.S. Bank (the "RCA" or the "Facility") pursuant to which the Bank will make tax-exempt Loans to the Borrower (the "Loans"). Security: The Loans and the obligations owed to the Bank under the Facility shall be secured as Parity Debt under the Indenture by Sales Tax Revenues to be received from the collection of a one-half of one percent (1/2%) retail transactions and use tax imposed in the City and County of San Francisco. Parity Debt has a lien upon Sales Tax Revenues that is subordinate to the lien upon Sales Tax Revenues of the Senior Lien Bonds and any future Senior Lien Debt and senior to the lien upon Sales Tax Revenues of any Subordinate Obligations. **Facility:** RCA providing interim financing on a tax-exempt basis. Facility Documentation will include the Indenture, the RCA and a fee letter, as applicable, and such other documents, instruments, certificates, and agreements executed **Documents:** and/or delivered by the Borrower in connection with the Facility as reasonably determined by the Bank (collectively, the "Facility Documents"). The Bank and the Authority previously executed documentation for the existing Revolving Credit Agreement (the "Existing Agreement"). For maximum efficiency, we propose working from this Existing Agreement for the proposed Credit Facility. This would result in a smooth documentation process as very little additional negotiation should be required. Please refer to the accompanying term sheet for a detailed listing of the terms and conditions proposed by the Bank.
- Bank: U.S. Bank National Association ("U.S. Bank" or "Bank").

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# 1. Credit Rating

U.S. Bank	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Ratings:	A1 / P-1	AA- / A-1+	AA- / F1+
	Under Review	Stable Outlook	Stable Outlook
	Negative Watch	Not on Watch	Not on Watch

Please refer to Attachment A; Appendix 1 for the Bank's ratings over the past three years and to the link below for the most recent ratings.

https://ir.usbank.com/investor-relations/financial-information/credit-ratings

# 2. Bank Counsel



Legal Fees: As U.S, Bank is one of the existing banks under the Existing Agreement:

- In the event that the Authority determines to extend the existing revolving credit agreement with the existing banks, legal fees are estimated at and capped at plus disbursements.
- In the event that U.S. Bank is mandated to provide a separate revolving credit agreement to the Authority, legal fees are estimated at and capped at plus disbursements.

# 3. Fees

# **Revolving Credit Agreement**

Please refer to Attachment A: Appendix 1 for the corresponding pricing matrix in the RFP.

Commitment Amount:	Up to \$200,000,000 of principal.
Term:	3 Years.
Index Rate:	Prior to the Maturity Date, the Loans and the Bank Note shall bear interest at a tax- exempt per annum rate of interest equal to the sum of (i) <u>80% of 1-month LIBOR</u> plus (ii) the Applicable Spread set forth below (collectively, the "Index Rate"), subject to adjustment as provided herein.

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The Loans shall bear interest at the Index Rate prior to the Maturity Date, so long as no Event of Taxability or Event of Default exists.

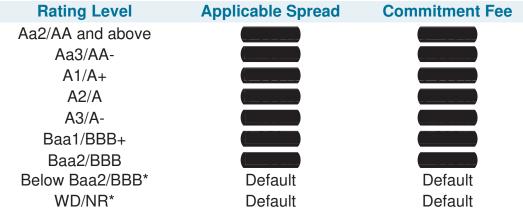
Tenor	Applicable Spread
3 Years	

CommitmentThe undrawn portion of the RCA will be charged the Commitment Fee set forth below,Fee:subject to adjustment as provided herein.

Tenor	<b>Commitment Fee</b>
3 Years	

Downgrade Rate/Fee Adjustments:

The Applicable Spread and Commitment Fee shall be adjusted according to the schedules below for any rating downgrade as well as for any rating suspension, withdrawal, or cancellation ("WD/NR"):



\* Note: Event of Default rate/fee adjustment applies.

The lowest long-term unenhanced rating assigned to SFCTA's Senior Lien Bonds will determine the Applicable Spread and the Commitment Fee. An Applicable Spread and Commitment Fee adjustment shall become effective on the date a rating action is announced by the applicable rating agency. In the event of the adoption of any new or changed rating system, each of the ratings referred to above shall be deemed to refer to the rating category under the new rating system which most closely approximates the applicable rating category currently in effect.

Event of Default Rate/Fee Adjustment: If one or more of the underlying ratings assigned to SFCTA's Senior Lien Bonds are withdrawn or suspended, or shall fall below "Baa2/BBB", or upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Loans and the Bank Note shall bear interest at the Default Rate and the Commitment Fee shall automatically and without notice to the Borrower increase by per annum above the level specified in the above pricing matrix for the "Baa2/BBB" rating category.

MaximumMaximum Federal Corporate Tax Rate means the maximum rate of income taxationFederalimposed on corporations pursuant to Section 11(b) of the Code, as in effect from time

Corporate Taxto time (or, if as a result of a change in the Code, the rate of income taxation imposed<br/>on corporations generally shall not be applicable to the Bank, the maximum statutory<br/>rate of federal income taxation which could apply to the Bank). The Maximum Federal<br/>Corporate Tax Rate is currently 21%.

#### LIBOR Transition:

The Bank Index shall be one month LIBOR, which Bank Index shall be reset on the first day of each calendar month, such rate to be based upon the LIBOR index as of two New York Banking Days immediately preceding the rate reset date, provided that in no event shall the Bank Index be less than 0.0%. If for any reason one month LIBOR is not available for any such period, then the index for such period shall be a comparable index designed to measure interest rates in a similar manner as selected by the Bank.

**Event of Taxability:** In the event a determination of taxability shall occur, in addition to the amounts required to be paid with respect to the Loans, the Borrower shall be obligated to pay to the Bank an amount calculated on a daily basis equal to the positive difference, if any, between the amount of interest that would have been paid during the period of taxability if the Loans had borne interest at the Taxable Rate (i.e., the product of the Index Rate and 1.0/1.0-Maximum Federal Corporate Tax Rate) and the interest actually paid to the Bank with respect to the Loans.

# **Termination/** In the event that the Borrower elects to terminate or permanently reduce the Facility during the first eighteen months of the Facility, the Borrower will be required to pay a termination or reduction fee equal to the Commitment Fee which would have accrued from the date of termination or reduction through the one-year anniversary of the closing date.

Draw Fee:	per draw, capp	ed at <b>each</b> in any calendar year.
Amendment Fee:	plus reasona	ble fees and disbursements of counsel, if any.
Base Rate:	The greatest of:	(i) (ii) (iii)
Term Loan Rate:	Days 1-30: Days 31-90: Days 91 and after:	
Default Rate:	Interest accruing at t	he Default Rate shall be payable on demand.

Computation of Payments:	Computations of interest and fees shall be calculated on an actual/360 day basis.
	If there is more than one RCA, all draws and repayments under the RCAs shall be pro rata between the RCAs.

Term Loan: 5 Years.

# 4. Terms and Conditions of Revolving Credit Agreement

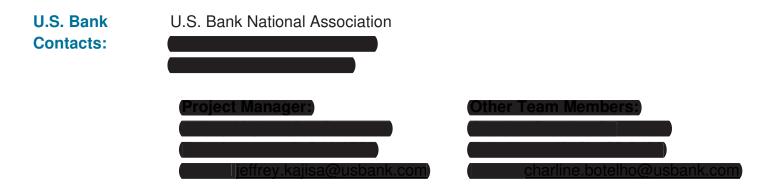
For the RCA, the Bank is proposing limited modifications to the Existing Agreement including conditions precedent to purchase and closing, representations and warranties, covenants, events of default, and remedies – shall remain generally consistent with the Existing Agreement.

#### 5. Formal Credit Approval

CreditAny commitment to provide the Facility (including the terms and conditions proposed<br/>herein) or to extend credit is subject to the Bank's internal approvals and due<br/>diligence procedures. In obtaining credit approval, the Bank reserves the right to<br/>modify and/or supplement any of the terms and conditions stated herein.

US Bank anticipates obtaining final credit approval within 15 business days of receiving the mandate to provide the Facility.

# 6. Additional Information Relative to the Proposer



#### **Resumes:**

Please refer to Appendix B for the resumes of the project managers and team members.

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#### **Experience:**

U.S. Bank offers the Authority exceptional strength and security. With assets of \$543 billion as of 3/31/21, it is the fifth largest bank in the United States. U.S. Bank is rated among the highest of any domestic financial firm. U.S. Bank is a market leader in tax-exempt and taxable credit origination. Our experience in providing both on and off-balance sheet support to municipal and not-for-profit issuers across the nation will ensure an efficient and cost-effective transaction for the Authority. U.S. Bank's Government Banking Portfolio Management Group manages over \$7 billion in commitments to customers in the municipal and nonprofit sectors.

Please refer to Appendix C for a list of state and local government clients for which the Bank has provided liquidity support, credit enhancement or direct credit in excess of \$100 million since 1/1/2018.

### 7. Assurances and Miscellaneous Items



#### **B. Conflict of Interest**

At this time, and to the best knowledge of the representatives preparing this response, U.S. Bank is not aware of any arrangement, formal or informal, or potential conflicts of interest that the Bank has with any party that might interfere with the Bank's ability to provide a credit facility to the Authority.

The relevant assignments completed by U.S. Bank's Government Banking business for the City and County of San Francisco within the last five (5) years, including involvement with Transportation Authority-funded projects, are outlined below:

- Liquidity Facility supporting the City and County of San Francisco Lease Revenue Commercial Paper Certificates of Participation, Series 2 and Series 2-5;
- Revolving Line of credit to issue Standby Letters of Credit for the City and County of San Francisco to assist with the City's Bonding and Financial Assistance Program to provide required bonding to certain eligible contractors performing City public works/construction contracts.
- Revolving Credit Facilities to the Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of San Francisco (SFPUC)
- U.S. Bank's Municipal Products Group (MPG) is a CP dealer for the City and County of San Francisco and SFPUC. MPG was a co-manager on a 2016 Water Revenue Bond.

#### C. Political Contributions

We are not aware of any political contributions by senior executives or directors of U.S. Bank N.A. to any current member of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board of Commissioners within the last three years.

#### D. Litigation

From time to time, U.S. Bancorp and its affiliates (hereafter, the Company) are subject to various litigation, administrative proceedings, and investigations. The company does not currently believe that the ultimate resolution of any existing litigation, administrative proceeding, or investigation will have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Company or of the Company's ability to perform in connection with this RFP. Such litigation, administrative proceedings, and investigations are often are highly confidential, thus we may be limited in our ability to disclose detailed information. Nevertheless, for further information regarding certain current matters, please see our most recent 10-K and 10-Q.

#### E. Confidentiality

All pricing related terms in the Bank's proposal are considered confidential proprietary information.

#### F. Acknowledgement

The Bank acknowledges receipt and understanding of the Authority's contracting requirements. The Bank is able and willing to comply with the requirements.

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# 8. Other Terms and Conditions

**Survival:** This proposal does not constitute a Facility Document and shall not survive the execution and delivery of the definitive Facility Documents.

MaterialThis proposal may be rescinded, in the sole discretion of the Bank, upon the<br/>occurrence of a material adverse change in the financial, operational, or legal<br/>condition of the Borrower.

ProposalUnless otherwise extended by the Bank, this proposal shall expire at 5:00 p.m. ESTExpiration:on September 13, 2021.

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#### **ATTACHMENT 1**

#### **Pricing Matrix**

#### San Francisco County Transportation Authority Proposition K Sales Tax Revenue Revolving Credit Facility

Name of Provider:	U.S. Bank, N.A.						
Provider LT & ST							
Ratings:	Year	Moody's	Outlook	S&P	Outlook	Fitch	Outlook
	2021	A1/P-1	Negative Watch	AA-/ A-1+	Stable	AA- /F1+	Stable
	2020	A1/P-1	Negative	AA-/ A-1+	Stable	AA- /F1+	Negative
	2019	A1/P-1	Stable	AA-/ A-1+	Stable	AA- /F1+	Stable
Contact Person:							
Email Address:			Jeffrey.k.	ajisa@usl	pank.com		
Telephone Number:							

Facility Type	Revolving Line of Credit
Commitment Amount	\$200,000,000
Term (in years)	3 Years
Index Rate	80% of LIBOR, If Index Rate would be less than zero percent (0.0%), the Index Rate shall be deemed to be zero percent (0.00%).
Applicable Spread to Index Rate	
Origination Fee	-0-
Commitment Fee	-0-
Unutilized Fee	

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Termination/ Reduction Fee	Any termination of the commitment (in whole or in part) under the Revolver Facility on a date before the first anniversary shall be subject to a termination fee based on the Unused Fee.				
Draw Fee					
Amendment Fee					
Bank Counsel Fee	<ul> <li>As U.S. Bank is an existing lender to the Authority:</li> <li>In the event that the Authority determines to extend the existing revolving credit agreement with the existing banks, legal fees are estimated at and capped at .</li> <li>In the event that U.S. Bank is mandated to provide a separate revolving credit agreement to the Authority, legal fees are estimated at capped at .</li> </ul>				
Other Fees	None, excep	t for Legal Fees as reference	ed above		
Base Rate/Bank Rate Term Loan Rate	The greatest of:       (i)       The Bank's Prime Rate plus         (ii)       Federal Funds Rate plus         (iii)       Image: Comparison of the plus				
Default Rate	Base Rate plus 3.0% Interest accruing at the Default Rate shall be payable on demand.				
Computation of Payments	Computation of interest and fees shall be calculated on an actual/360-day basis.				
Downgrade Rate/Fee Adjustments	The Commitment Fee shall be adjusted according to the schedules below for any downgrade as well as for any rating suspension, withdrawal, or cancellation ("WD/NR"):				
	Rating Level	Applicable Spread	Unutilized Fee		
	Aa2/AA and above				
	Aa3/AA-				
	A1/A+				
	A2/A				
	A3/A-				
	Baa1/BBB+				
	Baa2/BBBDefaultBelow Baa2/BBB*Default				
	Below Baa2/BBB*DefaultDefaultWD/NR*DefaultDefault				
	The lowest long-term unenhan will determine the Commitme effective on the date a rating a In the event of the adoption of	nced rating assigned to SFC ent Fee. A Commitment Fee action is announced by the a	TA's Senior Lien Bonds adjustment shall become pplicable rating agency.		

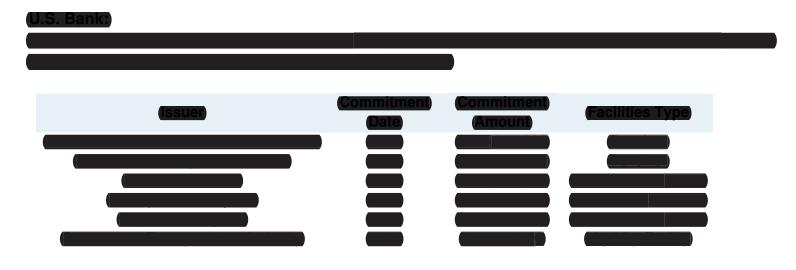
	ratings referred to above shall be deemed to refer to the rating category under the new rating system which most closely approximates the applicable rating category currently in effect.
Term Loan Period	At maturity, provided no default or event of default has occurred and all representations and warranties of the Transportation Authority are true and correct in all material respects, the outstanding balance will be repaid over five years in equal quarterly installments at the following rates: • 1-30 days, Base Rate • 31-90 days, Base Rate +
Bank Counsel	David Field, Partner Chapman and Cutler LLP

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# 10. Appendix B: Resumes of the Project Managers and Team Members

U.S. Bank:					
Jeffrey Kajisa, Vic	e President				
Charline Botelho, Senior Vice President					

# 11. Appendix C: California State & Local Government Clients Since 01/01/2018



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# **Additional Disclosure**

The proposed terms and conditions outlined in the Indicative Terms and Conditions are provided for discussion purposes only and do not constitute an offer, agreement, or commitment to lend. This Indicative Terms and Conditions is intended as an outline only and does not purport to summarize all the terms, conditions, covenants, representations, warranties or other provisions which would be contained in definitive legal documentation of the financing transaction contemplated herein. The actual terms and conditions upon which the Lenders might extend credit to the Borrower are subject to further due diligence, formal credit approval, satisfactory review of documentation, and such other terms and conditions as may be determined by the Bank and its counsel.

As we obtain more information, additional substantive conditions will be required and terms may be changed or be supplemented. In addition, upon completion of our analysis and due diligence and if we obtain credit approval of this proposal, we will prepare loan documentation which will include terms and conditions customary to U.S. Bank, as well as warranties and covenants specific to this transaction.

To that end, this letter is an expression of interest only. Except with respect to your obligation to reimburse U.S. Bank for expenses as provided below and not to disclose the contents of this letter except as permitted below, this letter is not a contract, commitment nor intent to be bound, and U.S. Bank does not intent that this letter or discussions relative to the terms of this letter create any legal rights, implicit or explicit, in your favor, nor is it intended to create any obligations on the part of U.S. Bank. Also, no oral discussions and/or written agreements shall be in place of or supersede written loan agreements executed by your business and accepted by U.S. Bank.

Please note that this proposal is for your review only. You may not disclose this letter or any of the terms contained in this letter to any third party other than your attorney, accountant or authorized agents representing you.

This proposal is provided for discussion purposes only and does not constitute, and may not be construed as, a commitment to provide financing or other services.