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MEMORANDUM

TO: BRIDGE ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM: JEFF SUDMEIER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2019

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REFUNDING OF \$42.8M IN SERIES 2010A SENIOR TAXABLE

BUILD AMERICA BONDS

Purpose

The Colorado Bridge Enterprise Board of Directors (Board) is being asked to approve the attached resolution to refund a portion of the Series 2010A Senior Taxable Build America Bonds (Series 2010A Bonds).

Background

In December 2010, CBE issued \$300M of Series 2010A Bonds under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE) authority to accelerate the design and replacement of Colorado's worst bridges. A portion of the Series 2010A Bonds were issued with an optional par-call redemption provision, enabling BE/CDOT to refinance the 2027 term bond (\$42.8 million) for interest rate savings prior to its maturity; the optional redemption date is December 1, 2020. The remainder of the Series 2010A Bonds (\$256.5 million) were issued with a make-whole call provision, which allows CBE to refinance this portion of the bonds for structural considerations, but generally eliminates the ability to achieve debt service savings.

Details

Staff held a workshop for the Board regarding the proposed bond refunding in July, and the Board indicated that they were in favor of a refund to capitalize on favorable market conditions. <u>Refunding the 2027 term bond of the Series 2010A Bonds is forecast to save BE an estimated \$4.5 million through fiscal year 2028 under current market conditions.</u> Debt service from 2029 - 2040 remains unchanged, as the 2040 term bond is not being refunded.

Options and Recommendations

- 1. No action, reject request
- 2. Request additional informational on the proposed refunding
- 3. Move forward with refunding of a portion of the Series 2010A Bonds STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Next Steps

- 1. Continue coordination with BE financial and legal advisors, bond counsel, and FHWA.
- 2. Proceed with bond refunding.
- 3. CBE Staff will bring an additional resolution to the Board in September, approving final parameters and financing documents, with an anticipated pricing and closing in October.
- 4. Provide any updates as needed to the Board upon completion of the refunding.

Attachment

Resolution #BE-20-08-XX: Approving the refunding of \$42.8M in Series 2010A Senior Taxable Build America Bonds (Series 2010A bonds) with an optional par-call redemption provision



Resolution BE#2019-08-03

Approving the refunding of \$42.8M in Series 2010A Senior Taxable Build America Bonds (Series 2010A bonds) with an optional par-call redemption provision

Approved by the Colorado Bridge Enterprise Board of Directors on August 15, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly created the Colorado Bridge Enterprise (CBE) in C.R.S. 43-4-805 as a government-owned business within the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT or Department) for the business purpose of financing, repairing, reconstructing, and replacing Designated Bridges, defined in C.R.S. 43-4-803(10) as those bridges identified as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete and rated poor; and

WHEREAS, the CBE is authorized, under C.R.S. 43-4-805(2)(b)(II) to issue revenue bonds; and

WHEREAS, CBE issued \$300M of Series 2010A Bonds under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE) authority to accelerate the design and replacement of Colorado's worst bridges; and

WHEREAS, A portion of the Series 2010A Bonds were issued with an optional par-call redemption provision, enabling BE/CDOT to refinance the 2027 term bond (\$42.8 million) for interest rate savings prior to its maturity; and

WHEREAS, Staff and their financial advisors performed an analysis and determined that refunding the 2027 term bond of the Series 2010A Bonds is forecast to save BE an estimated \$4.5 million through Fiscal Year 2028 based on current market conditions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Department is instructed to take the necessary steps to proceed with the refunding of \$42.8M in par-call Series 2010A Senior Taxable Build America Bonds

Herman Stockinger, Secretary

Bridge Enterprise Board of Directors

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8-15-19 Date