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Subject: Report to the Legislature - Debt Capacity Forecast

Minnesota Statute 16A.105 requires the Commissioner of Management and Budget in February and November of each year to prepare a debt capacity forecast to be delivered to the governor and legislature.

Attached is the February 2015 debt capacity forecast.

Attachment

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Minnesota Management and Budget Debt Capacity Forecast February 2015

Introduction

Minnesota Statute 16A.105 requires the Commissioner of Management and Budget (“MMB”) to prepare a debt capacity forecast to be delivered to the governor and legislature in February and November of each year.

The capital investment guidelines are:

1. Total tax-supported principal outstanding shall be 3.25% or less of total state personal income.
2. Total amount of principal (both issued, and authorized but unissued) for state general obligations, state moral obligations, equipment capital leases, and real estate capital leases are not to exceed 6% of state personal income.
3. 40% of general obligation debt shall be due within five years and 70% within ten years, if consistent with the useful life of the financed assets and/or market conditions.

These guidelines are intended to:

- Be consistent with measures used by the credit rating agencies and foster direct comparisons with the debt burdens of other states;
- Be comprehensive to ensure all kinds of tax-supported debt obligations are recognized; and
- Continue Minnesota’s conservative financial management practices.

Statement of Indebtedness

As of February 27, 2015, the state of Minnesota had \$6,471,215,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds outstanding (consisting of both various purpose and trunk highway bonds), as well as \$1,701,155,000 principal amount of other tax-supported obligations outstanding, for a total of \$8,172,370,000 outstanding as of the date of the forecast. Please see the attached exhibit for more detail about these obligations.

The state has no general obligation short-term notes outstanding.

Debt Service Costs

The table below presents the details of the actual and forecasted debt service costs for all of the state's tax-supported debt. For the Budget and Economic Forecast, the assumption for future capital budgets is \$800 million in the even numbered legislative sessions and \$220 million in the odd numbered years with respect to various purpose general obligation bonds. For trunk highway bonds, the forecast amounts have been prepared based upon information provided by the Department of Transportation. The column entitled "Other Tax-Supported Bonds" reflects the actual debt service obligations in each fiscal year for the debt identified in the exhibit; it does not reflect the total amount appropriated in each fiscal year for such obligations. The estimate for interest rates used for future bond issues is derived from the IHS Economics ("IHS") data used to develop the February 2015 Budget and Economic Forecast.

Actual Annual Debt Service Costs (\$ in Thousands)

Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds			Other Tax	Total
	Various Purpose	Trunk Highway Fund	Subtotal	Supported Bonds	
2006 actual	\$353,728	\$36,347	\$390,075	\$10,629	\$400,705
2007 actual	\$400,146	\$53,752	\$453,898	\$14,695	\$468,593
2008 actual	\$409,426	\$52,170	\$461,596	\$17,999	\$479,595
2009 actual	\$452,978	\$59,542	\$512,520	\$24,259	\$536,779
2010 actual	\$429,123	\$70,542	\$499,665	\$27,640	\$527,305
2011 actual	\$398,799	\$45,225	\$444,024	\$30,393	\$474,417
2012 actual	\$190,799	\$72,601	\$263,400	\$38,194	\$301,594
2013 actual	\$222,584	\$120,305	\$342,889	\$49,236	\$392,125
2014 actual	\$619,935	\$136,488	\$756,423	\$97,492	\$853,915
2015 forecast	\$623,060	\$154,593	\$777,653	\$147,149	\$924,802
2016 forecast	\$632,991	\$185,953	\$818,944	\$148,481	\$967,425
2017 forecast	\$638,247	\$211,492	\$849,739	\$147,171	\$996,910
2018 forecast	\$592,101	\$217,106	\$809,207	\$146,251	\$955,458
2019 forecast	\$621,471	\$215,579	\$837,050	\$144,894	\$981,944
2020 forecast	\$601,867	\$210,295	\$812,162	\$135,621	\$947,784
2021 forecast	\$629,305	\$203,659	\$832,964	\$135,371	\$968,336

**Totals may not add due to rounding.*

Debt Authorized and Unissued

The state has authorized and unissued general obligation bonds for various purposes and trunk highway purposes totaling \$1,626,692,900 as of February 27, 2015. The legislature has also authorized the sale of an additional \$80 million of state appropriation bonds to finance the Housing Finance Agency

Housing Infrastructure bonding program, of which \$37.57 million were issued in February 2015. Additional bond authorizations of state appropriation bonds include \$10 million to finance the pay for performance bond program. None of the debt for this program has been issued. The total amount of authorized and unissued tax-supported obligations is \$1,679,122,900. All other currently authorized tax supported bond projects and/or programs have been issued.

Debt Capacity

The capital investment guidelines are intended to be a current fiscal year “point in time” calculation. Total state personal income is derived from the IHS data used to develop the February 2015 Budget and Economic Forecast and reflects the state 2015 fiscal year (not the 2014 calendar year).

Capacity Calculations as of February 2015 Forecast:

Guideline #1- Goal 3.25% or less:

Tax-supported principal outstanding	\$8.172 billion
FY 2015 state personal income estimate – IHS forecast	\$272.655 billion
As a percent of state personal income, not to exceed 3.25%	3.00%
Estimated maximum additional principal capacity for all tax-supported debt	\$688.918 million

Guideline #2 - Goal 6.00% or less:

Total principal outstanding (issued, and authorized but unissued)	\$11.583 billion
FY 2015 state personal income estimate – IHS forecast	\$272.655 billion
As a percent of state personal income, not to exceed 6.0%	4.25%
Estimated maximum additional principal capacity for all obligations	\$4.776 billion

Guideline #3 - Goal no less than 40% of general obligation debt to mature within five years and 70% within ten years:

Of the State’s general obligation bonds outstanding on June 30, 2014, 40.5 percent were scheduled to mature within five years and 70.9 percent were scheduled to mature with ten years. Furthermore, of the State’s general obligation bonds expected to be outstanding on June 30, 2015, 40.3 percent are scheduled to mature within five years and 71.0 percent are scheduled to mature with ten years.

Capital Investment Guidelines
Summary of Outstanding Principal as of 2/28/2015
As of February 2015 Budget and Economic Forecast

Tax-Supported Debt (Guideline #1)	Principal Outstanding	Authorized, Unissued	Total
All State General Obligation Debt	\$ 6,471,215,000	\$ 1,626,692,900	\$ 8,097,907,900
Certificates of Participation (SWIFT/Integrated Tax)	38,960,000	0	38,960,000
BCA Bemidji Lease Revenue Bonds	3,875,000	0	3,875,000
Other Real Estate Capital Leases:			
Ag/Health Buildings	47,030,000	0	47,030,000
DHS Building	56,195,000	0	56,195,000
MHFA Supportive Housing	28,490,000	0	28,490,000
MHFA Housing Infrastructure 2012	28,360,000	0	28,360,000
MHFA Housing Infrastructure 2014	37,570,000	42,430,000	80,000,000
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TCF Bank Stadium	104,385,000	0	104,385,000
Biosciences Facilities	191,835,000	0	191,835,000
State General Fund Appropriation Refunding Bonds	622,290,000	0	622,290,000
Professional Football Stadium Appropriation Bonds	462,065,000	0	462,065,000
Certificates of Participation - Legislative Office Facility	80,100,000	0	80,100,000
Pay for Performance Appropriation Bonds	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>
TOTAL - Tax-Supported Debt	\$ 8,172,370,000	\$ 1,679,122,900	\$ 9,851,492,900

Other Obligations (Guideline #2)

Tax-Supported Debt (issued and authorized but unissued)	\$ 9,851,492,900
MHFA Moral Obligation Debt ⁽¹⁾	1,182,530,000
MOHE Moral Obligation Debt	519,265,000
Equipment Leases	29,824,778
TOTAL - All Obligations	\$ 11,583,112,678

FY 2015 State Personal Income Estimate - IHS Forecast:	272,655,000,000
State Tax-Supported Debt as a Percent of Personal Income:	3.00%
Estimated maximum additional principal capacity for all tax-supported debt @ 3.25%	\$ 688,917,500
All Obligations as a Percent of Personal Income:	4.25%
Estimated maximum additional principal capacity for all obligations @ 6.0%	\$ 4,776,187,322

⁽¹⁾ MHFA has a \$5 billion statutory debt limit. However, several of the MHFA bonding programs are not issued as Moral Obligation debt. The bond programs that are not included because they are not secured by a debt service reserve fund subject to replenishment from Legislative appropriation are the conduit multifamily revenue bonds and bonds issued under Home Ownership Mortgage-backed Exempt Securities and Homeownership Finance Bonds.