

NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR RATE COVENANT CALCULATIONS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 704 OF THE AMENDED
AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY AND WELLS
FARGO BANK, N.A., AUTHORIZING AND SECURING
NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY TURNPIKE
REVENUE BONDS AND INDEBTEDNESS (TRIANGLE
EXPRESSWAY SYSTEM) DATED DECEMBER 1, 2019

As of June 30, 2024

Independent Accountant’s Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Directors
North Carolina Turnpike Authority
Raleigh, North Carolina

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the calculations of the Rate Covenants in accordance with Section 704 of the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement between The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (“NCTA” or the “Authority”) and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Authorizing and Securing NCTA Turnpike Revenue Bonds and Indebtedness (“Triangle Expressway System”), dated December 1, 2019 (the “Trust Agreement”), for the year ended June 30, 2022. NCTA’s management is responsible for the fair presentation of the compliance with the Rate Covenants and the calculations used to determine compliance with the Rate Covenants.

NCTA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of evaluating the calculations of the Rate Covenants. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The NCTA provided us with a schedule of information used in the Rate Covenants’ calculations for the year ended June 30, 2024. As noted below, we compared the information in the Rate Covenants’ calculations to the information described.

Procedure Key:

- 1) Compared to a corresponding amount in the audited financial statements of the NCTA for the year ended June 30, 2024, and found such amounts to be in agreement after giving effect to rounding as applicable.
- 2) Compared to a corresponding amount in a schedule prepared by the NCTA or to the amount derived from the accounting records, which had been subjected to procedures performed in the course of conducting the annual audit of the financial statements of the NCTA for the year ended June 30, 2024, and found such amounts to be in agreement after giving effect to rounding as applicable.
- 3) Recomputed the amount, subtotal, and/or total and determined such amount to be mathematically accurate after giving effect to rounding as applicable.
- 4) Compared to a corresponding amount in a schedule prepared by the NCTA that was not subjected to procedures performed in the course of conducting the annual audit of the financial statements of the NCTA for the year ended June 30, 2024, and found such amounts to be in agreement after giving effect to rounding as applicable.

Procedures:

Section 704 of the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement Rate Covenants and our procedures are presented below:

- a) The Authority covenants to fix, charge, and collect tolls, fees, rentals, and other charges for the use of and for services furnished or to be furnished by the Triangle Expressway System, and that from time to time and as often as it shall appear necessary, to revise such tolls, fees, rentals, and other charges as may be necessary or appropriate, in order that for each Fiscal Year, beginning with the first full Fiscal Year in which the Initial Project is in operation, the Revenues in such Fiscal Year will not be less than 130% of the Long-Term Debt Service Requirement for Senior Lien Indebtedness only for such Fiscal Year.

	<u>Information</u>	<u>Procedure Performed</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Operating Revenue	\$ 66,700,113	1
<u>Transfer to Revenue Fund under General Revenue Bond Trust Agreement:</u>		
State Appropriated Revenues	25,000,000	2
Revised Build America Bonds ("BABS") Subsidy	-	2
Appropriation of Debt Service Reserve Fund ("DSRF") Income	-	4
Transfer from Capitalized Interest	-	2
Debt Service on Appropriation Bonds	(22,471,149)	2
Total Transfer to Revenue Fund under General Revenue Bond Trust	<u>2,528,851</u>	3
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 69,228,964</u>	3
<u>Senior Lien Long-Term Debt Service Requirement:</u>		
Senior Lien Interest Account Deposit	\$ 49,293,208	2
Senior Lien Principal Account Deposit	17,170,000	2
Senior Lien Capitalized Interest	(14,922,165)	2
Senior Lien Debt Service Fund and Parity Reserve Income	(947,500)	4
Total Senior Lien Long-Term Debt Service Requirement	<u>\$ 50,593,544</u>	3
Calculation for Covenant Compliance	<u>137%</u>	3

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of our procedures.

- b) The Authority covenants to fix, charge, and collect tolls, fees, rentals, and other charges for the use of and for services furnished or to be furnished by the Triangle Expressway System, and that from time to time and as often as it shall appear necessary, to revise such tolls, fees, rentals, and other charges as may be necessary or appropriate, in order that for each Fiscal Year, beginning with the first full Fiscal Year in which the Initial Project is in operation, the Revenues in such Fiscal Year will not be less than 110% of (x) the Long-Term Debt Service Requirement for Senior Lien Indebtedness, Subordinate Lien Indebtedness, and Junior Indebtedness for such Fiscal Year and (y) the deposits to be made to the Senior Lien Parity Reserve Account, Subordinate Lien Parity Reserve Account, the Junior Indebtedness Debt Service Reserve Account, and the TIFIA Debt Service Reserve Account for such Fiscal Year.

	<u>Information</u>	<u>Procedure Performed</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Operating Revenue	\$ 66,700,113	1
<u>Transfer to Revenue Fund under General Revenue Bond Trust Agreement:</u>		
State Appropriated Revenues	25,000,000	2
Revised BABS Subsidy	-	2
Appropriation of DSRF Income	-	4
Transfer from Capitalized Interest	-	2
Debt Service on Appropriation Bonds	(22,471,149)	2
Total Transfer to Revenue Fund under General Revenue Bond Trust	2,528,851	3
Total Revenues	\$ 69,228,964	3
<u>Senior Lien Long-Term Debt Service Requirement:</u>		
Senior Lien Interest Account Deposit	\$ 49,293,208	2
Senior Lien Principal Account Deposit	17,170,000	2
Senior Lien Capitalized Interest	(14,922,165)	2
Senior Lien Debt Service Fund and Parity Reserve Income	(947,500)	4
Total Senior Lien Long-Term Debt Service Requirement	50,593,544	3
<u>Subordinate and Junior Long-Term Debt Service Requirements:</u>		
TIFIA Interest Account	-	2
TIFIA Principal Account	-	2
TIFIA Debt Service Fund and Debt Service Reserve Account Income	-	4
Total Subordinate and Junior Long-Term Debt Service Requirement	-	3
<u>Reserve Account Deposits:</u>		
Senior Lien Parity Reserve Account	-	4
Subordinate Lien Parity Reserve Account	-	4
Junior Indebtedness Debt Service Reserve Account	-	4
TIFIA Debt Service Reserve Account	-	4
Total Senior, Subordinate, Junior, and TIFIA Reserve Deposits	-	3
Accounts Requirement	\$ 50,593,544	3
Calculation for Covenant Compliance	137%	3

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of our procedures.

- c) In addition to the covenants set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 704, the Authority also covenants to fix, charge, and collect tolls, fees, rentals, and other charges for the use of and for services furnished or to be furnished by the Triangle Expressway System, and that from time to time and as often as it shall appear necessary, to revise such tolls, fees, rentals, and other charges as may be necessary or appropriate, in order that the Receipts will be sufficient in each Fiscal Year to make all of the deposits required by Section 503(a) through (n), inclusive.

	<u>Information</u>	<u>Procedure Performed</u>
<u>Receipts After Senior Lien Debt Service:</u>		
Cash Receipts	\$ 72,943,867	1
<u>Net State Appropriation:</u>		
State Appropriated Revenues	25,000,000	2
Revised BABS Subsidy	-	2
Appropriation of DSRF Income	-	4
Transfer from Capitalized Interest	-	2
Debt Service on Appropriation Bonds	(22,471,149)	2
Net State Appropriation	2,528,851	3
Total Pledged Receipts	75,472,718	3
Less:		
<u>Trust Agreement Section 503 Requirements:</u>		
<u>Section 503(a) Senior Lien Debt Interest Account Deposit:</u>		
Senior Lien Interest Account Deposit	49,293,208	2
Senior Lien Capitalized Interest	(14,922,165)	2
Senior Lien Parity Reserve Income	-	4
Net Section 503(a) Deposits	34,371,044	3
Section 503(b) Senior Lien Principal Account Deposit	17,170,000	4
Section 503(c) Senior Lien Parity Reserve Deposit	-	4
Section 503(d) Subordinate Lien Debt Interest Account Deposit	-	4
Section 503(e) Subordinate Lien Debt Principal Account Deposit	-	4
Section 503(f) Subordinate Lien Parity Reserve Deposit	-	4
Section 503(g) Junior Indebtedness Debt Service	-	2
Section 503(h) Junior Indebtedness Debt Service Reserve Account	-	4
Section 503(i) Bond Insurer for Insured Bonds	-	4
Section 503(j) Hedging Acquisition Account	-	4
Section 503(k) Operations and Maintenance Expense Fund	25,730,296	4
Section 503(l) Operating Reserve Fund	-	4
Section 503(m) Renewal and Replacement Fund	5,114,191	4
Deposit made from General Reserve Funds	(7,605,090)	4
Section 503(n) Guarantee Repayments	-	4
Total Trust Agreement Section 503 Requirements	74,780,441	3
Receivables Adjustment	-	4
Excess Remaining after Required Deposits	\$ 692,277	3

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of our procedures.

We were engaged by NCTA to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to, and did not, conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the calculations of the Rate Covenants. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of NCTA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the NCTA and other parties to the Trust Agreement, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those parties.

Cherry Bekaert LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina
November 4, 2024

This report required 16 hours at a cost of \$3,150.