

Capital Investment Strategy: Day 2

City of Tacoma | Finance Department

City Council Study Session July 23, 2019

****STUDY SESSION WORK PLAN

- Tour Debrief
- Municipal Finance Overview
- Current Policies and Regulatory Environment
- Level of Service Case
 Studies









AGENDA: DAY 2



- Asset Management Refresh
- Municipal Finance
 - Why Issue Bonds?
 - · Types of Municipal Bonds
 - Tacoma's Debt Capacity
 - Credit Ratings
 - Issuance Process







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BEST PRACTICES





- Continual Assessment
 - · Periodic reporting on condition of assets
 - · Keep managers informed of potential problems
- Life Cycle Replacement
 - Maintain database of expected life of asset
 - · Ensure proper inspection schedule
- · Level of Service
 - Does asset meet current needs and level of service standards
- Prioritization
 - · Monitor short and long range goals and needs
 - · Allocate funding





Considerations in the Issuance of Municipal Bonds

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WHAT IS A MUNICIPAL BOND?

- A municipal bond is a debt security (loan) issued by a state, city, municipality, county or other public entity to finance its capital expenditures, including the construction and/or acquisition of public assets.
- Municipal bonds are generally exempt from federal taxes and most state and local taxes, making them especially attractive to those in high income tax brackets.

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*** Why Issue Bonds?



- Public Purpose/Infrastructure Need
- Allows for Repayment Over Time
- Match Repayment Term to Useful Life of Asset
- Generational Equity
- Reduce Cost/Inflation Risk
- Reduce Interest Rate Risk

TYPES OF MUNICIPAL BONDS



- General Obligation Bonds
 - · Backed by full faith and credit of the City
 - Unlimited-Tax General Obligation (UTGO) Vote required
 - Limited-Tax General Obligation (LTGO) No vote required
- Revenue Bonds
 - Backed by project or industry-specific revenues
- Special Assessment Obligations
 - Debt used to finance a defined project
 - Special assessment repays debt
- Lease Purchase Financings
- Government Loan Programs
- Private Placements/Bank Loans





Tacoma's Debt/Bonding Capacity

TACOMA'S BONDING CAPACITY

- State Constitution Limits:
 - · General Purpose Indebtedness
 - · Limited to 1.5% of Total Taxable Property Value
 - Can increase to 2.5% of Total Taxable Property Value with a 3/5 Favorable Vote of the People
- Tacoma Financial Policies:
 - Require maintenance of cash reserves (currently 10% of non-voted debt capacity) to:
 - · Address unanticipated declines in revenue
 - · Fund large and unexpected one-time expenditures
 - · Maintain favorable credit ratings

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TACOMA'S BONDING CAPACITY (CONT.) (AS OF 12/31/2018)

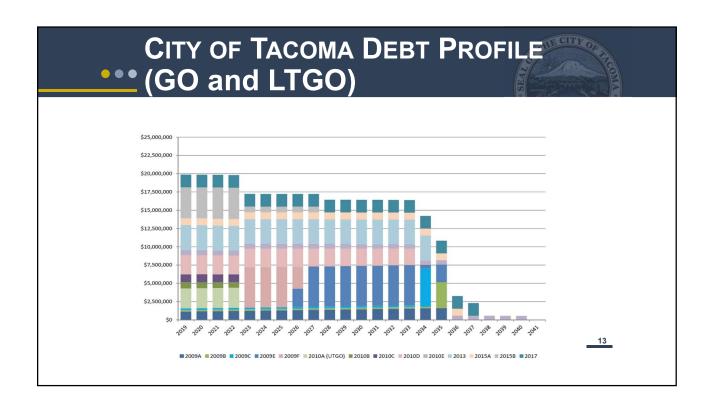
Tacoma Total Taxable Property Value: \$26,551,124,530

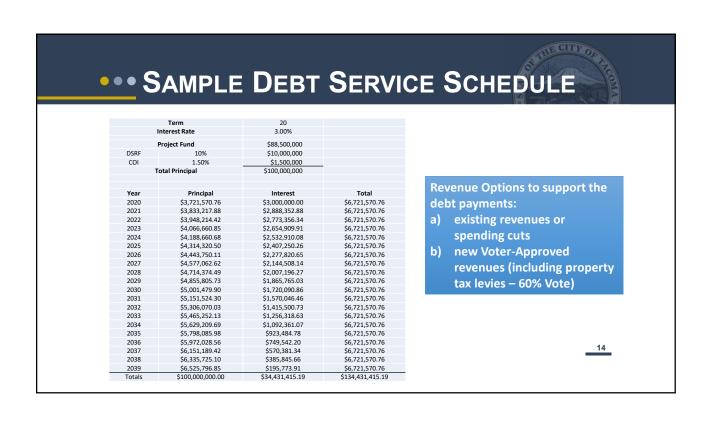
Non-Voted General Purpose Indebtedness Limit

(1.5% of Total Taxable Property Value) 398,266,868
Tacoma Non-Voted Debt (222,662,655)
Remaining Legally Available Non-Voted Capacity 175,604,213
Less Required Reserve (10% of Non-Voted Capacity) (39,826,687)
Available Capacity – (net of Reserves) 135,777,526

General Purpose Indebtedness Limit (requires 3/5 of the people) (includes non-voted)

(2.5% of Total Taxable Property Value) \$663,778,113
Tacoma Non-Voted Debt (222,662,655)
Remaining Legally Available Voted Capacity 441,115,458
Tacoma Voted Debt (net of assets available) (8,569,060)
Remaining Debt Capacity 432,546,398
Less Required Reserve (10% of Non-Voted Capacity) (39,826,687)
Total Available Capacity 392,719,711





DEBT SERVICE – FUNDING OPTIONS

\$7 Million Annual Debt Service Payments

- New Revenue Options
 - Voter Approved: Property Tax Levy (\$7M is a \$0.27 per \$1,000 AV property tax rate)
 - Voter Approved: Gross Earnings Tax (up to \$3M)
 - City Council Approved: Business and Occupations Tax (up to \$9M)
- Reduce Annual General Fund Expenditures*

Size of General Fund Departments:

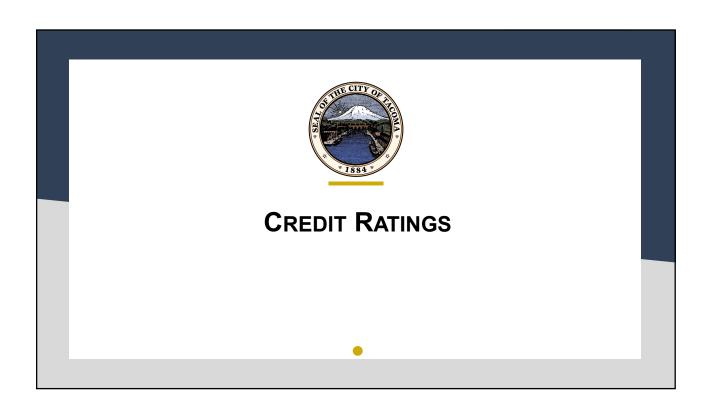
- Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality (\$2 million)
- City Attorney's Office (\$5 million)

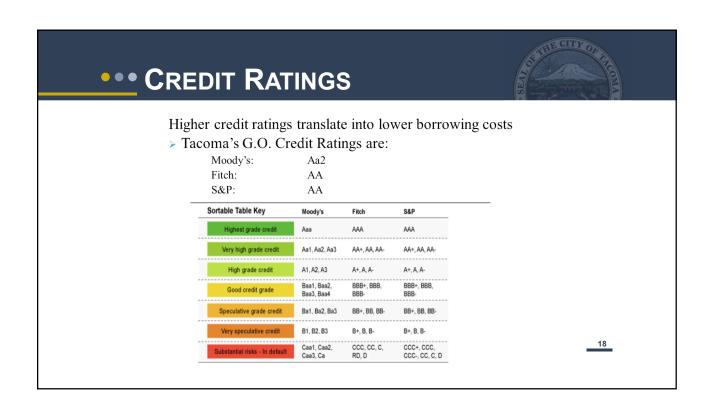
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- Municipal Court (\$10 million)
- Additional Opportunity Costs

*Examples are intended to illustrate orders of magnitude and are not recommendations







IMPACT OF CREDIT RATINGS ON BORROWING COSTS *

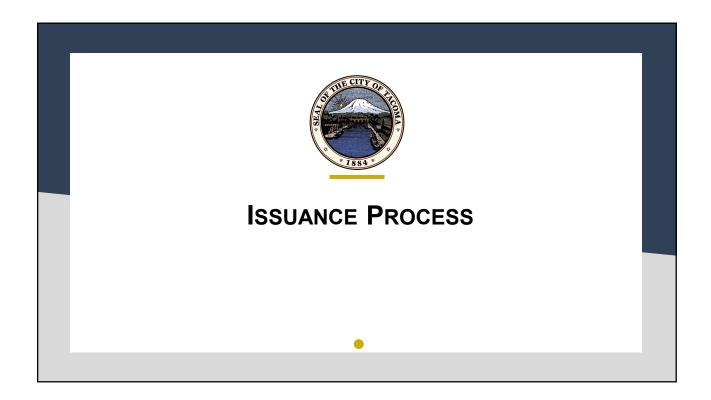
- Assume \$100 million bond issuance
- Assume 20-year term with level debt service

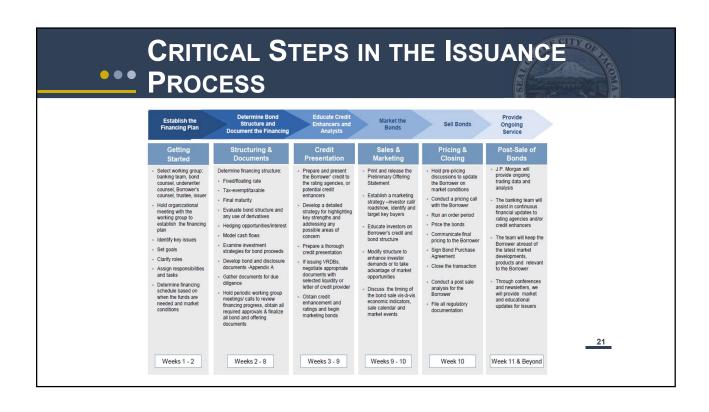
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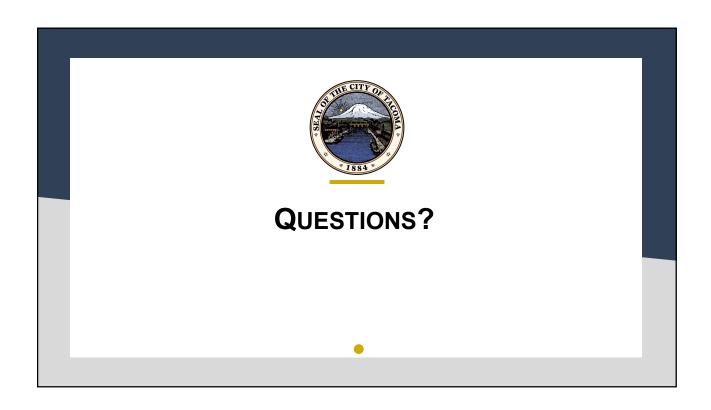
Borrowing rate: 3.00% 3.40% Total Interest: \$34.4mm \$39.4mm

Cost of Credit Spread: \$5 million (\$39.4mm -\$34.4 mm)

*For illustrative purposes only. Rates and credit spreads change over time.









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