

## El Paso County, Texas

**Financing Update**  
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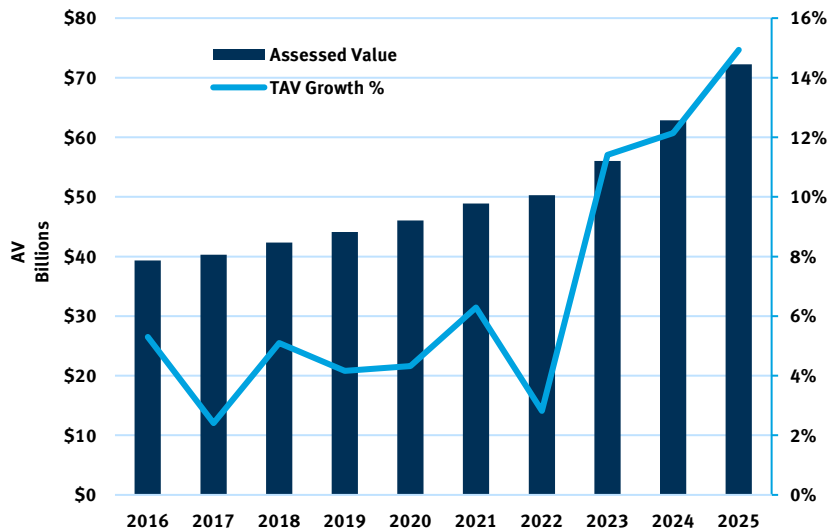
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## **01. County Debt Portfolio Overview**

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# General Obligation Tax Base

Fiscal Year	Assessed Value (\$mm)	M&O	I&S	Total Tax Rate	Adjusted Levy (\$mm)
<b>2025</b>	<b>*\$68,545</b>	<b>\$0.376</b>	<b>\$0.050</b>	<b>\$0.426</b>	<b>\$292</b>
2024	\$62,841	\$0.407	\$0.052	\$0.459	\$268
2023	\$56,036	\$0.376	<b>\$0.050</b>	\$0.426	\$239
2022	\$50,297	\$0.432	<b>\$0.047</b>	\$0.470	\$228
2021	\$48,919	\$0.450	<b>\$0.049</b>	\$0.489	\$220
2020	\$46,026	\$0.445	<b>\$0.049</b>	\$0.489	\$214
2019	\$44,117	\$0.406	<b>\$0.045</b>	\$0.448	\$188
2018	\$42,536	\$0.405	<b>\$0.045</b>	\$0.453	\$180
2017	\$40,302	\$0.401	<b>\$0.045</b>	\$0.453	\$175
2016	\$39,354	\$0.402	<b>\$0.045</b>	\$0.453	\$172



Taxpayer	Industry	AV (\$mm)	% AV
El Paso Electric	Electric Utility	\$683.20	1.22%
Western Refining ("Tesoro")	Oil & Gas Refinery	\$482.60	0.86%
Wal-Mart Stores	Retail Store	\$275.30	0.49%
Texas Gas Service	Oil & Gas	\$205.10	0.37%
River Oaks Properties	Commercial Land	\$183.20	0.33%
Emerald Pass 12101 Project	Home Builder	\$159.60	0.28%
Union Pacific Railroad	Railroad	\$150.80	0.27%
Simon Property Group	Shopping Center/Mall	\$107.30	0.19%
Sierra Providence Hospital	Rehabilitation Center	\$103.00	0.18%
Amazon.com Services	Storage Units/Warehouses	\$100.10	0.18%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,450.2</b>	<b>4.37%</b>

Employer	Industry	Employees
Fort Bliss	Military Base	47,628
El Paso ISD	Public Education	8,478
Socorro ISD	Public Education	7,606
T&T Staff Management	Employment Agency	7,383
Ysleta ISD	Public Education	6,095
City of El Paso	Local Government	5,511
Walmart	Retail	5,511
Health Network	Medical	4,400
GC Services	Telemarketing	4,324
University Medical Center (UMC)	Education	3,272

# Debt Summary

Outstanding Bonds	Purpose	Dated Date	Original Par	Outstanding Par	Coupon Range	Final Maturity	Next Call Date
<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>							
Tax Note, Taxable Series 2024	County Improvements	08/15/2024	3,374,000	3,374,000	6.35%	08/15/2025	Non-Callable
Comb Tax & Sub Lien Rev C/O, Taxable Ser 2023C	Flood Control	07/12/2023	1,780,000	1,780,000	0.00%	02/15/2054	Anytime @ Par
Tax Notes, Taxable Series 2023D	Public Improvements	07/20/2023	2,535,000	1,500,000	6.77%	02/15/2025	Anytime @ Par
Tax Notes, Series 2023C	Public Improvements	07/20/2023	6,545,000	6,545,000	4.62%	02/15/2030	Anytime @ Par
Certificates of Obligation, Taxable Series 2023B	Public Improvements	04/27/2023	15,135,000	15,135,000	4.392%-4.946%	08/15/2035	8/15/2033 @ Par
Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023A	Public Improvements	04/27/2023	42,090,000	42,090,000	5.00%	08/15/2038	8/15/2033 @ Par
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2023	Refunding	03/14/2023	4,910,188	4,910,188	4.75%	02/15/2026	Anytime @ Par
Tax Notes, Taxable Series 2023B	Public Improvements	01/30/2023	25,170,000	20,040,000	4.68%	08/15/2028	Anytime @ Par
Tax Notes, Series 2023A	Public Improvements	01/30/2023	16,175,000	16,175,000	3.40%	01/15/2030	Anytime @ Par
Comb Tax & Surplus Rev C/O, Taxable Ser 2022B	Flood Control	11/15/2022	2,372,000	2,292,000	0.00%	02/15/2053	Anytime @ Par
Combination Tax & Surplus Rev C/O, Taxable Ser 2022A	Water & Drainage	05/01/2022	20,718,000	19,338,000	0.00%	02/15/2052	Anytime @ Par
Combination Tax & Surplus Revenue C/O, Taxable Ser 2021	Water & Drainage	05/15/2021	1,605,000	1,443,000	0.00%	02/15/2051	Anytime @ Par
State Infrastructure Bank Loan, Series 2021	Highway Improvements	1/15/2021	4,600,000	3,931,331	0.00%-1.02%	08/15/2040	2/15/2024 @ Par
Certificate of Obligation, Taxable Series 2017 (USDA)	Public Improvements	07/01/2017	1,334,000	1,205,000	2.75%	02/15/2057	Anytime @ Par
State Infrastructure Bank Loan, Series 2017	Highway Improvements	10/23/2017	4,920,000	2,791,574	1.85%	08/15/2032	Non-Callable
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017	Refunding	11/15/2017	50,255,000	41,065,000	5.00%	02/15/2032	08/15/2027 @ Par
Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016D	Public Improvements	07/01/2016	3,500,000	2,890,000	3.28%	09/15/2032	09/15/2024 @ Par
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2016B	Refunding	03/01/2016	40,735,000	18,105,000	2.139% - 3.666%	02/15/2032	Make Whole Call
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A	Refunding	03/01/2016	48,805,000	23,280,000	4.00% - 5.00%	02/15/2032	Make Whole Call
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2015A	Refunding	06/01/2015	8,695,000	3,030,000	2.746% - 3.671%	02/15/2026	02/15/2025 @ Par
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015	Refunding	02/01/2015	15,230,000	5,365,000	5.00%	02/15/2026	02/15/2025 @ Par

## Totals:

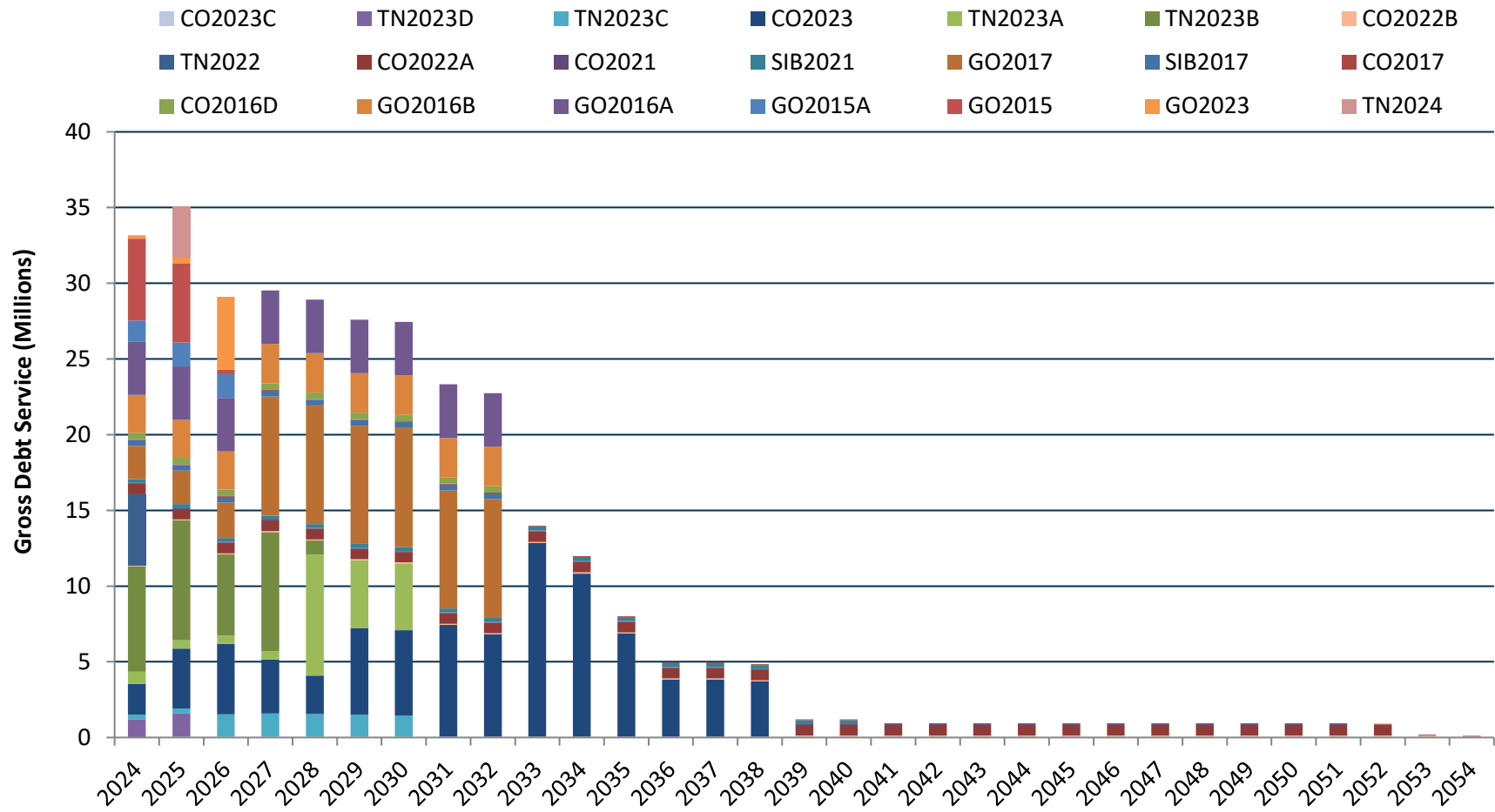
**\$337,227,018    \$236,285,094**

Current Ratings: Aa2/AA/AA+ (Moody's/S&P/Fitch)

Refunding Candidates

# Total Debt Service Summary

El Paso County  
Summary of All Outstanding GO Bonds Debt Service



# Tax-Exempt Refunding Monitor and Analysis

Refunding Analysis Results*	2025 Refunding March 2025
Par Amount of Refunding Bonds	\$6,675,000
True Interest Cost	3.81%
Escrow Yield	0.00%
Final Maturity	2/15/2030
Par Amount Refunded	\$6,845,000
Maturities Refunded	GO2015: 2026 TN2023C: 2026-2030
Call Feature	8/15/2034
NPV Savings (\$)	\$123,736
NPV Savings (% of Refunded Bonds)	1.81%
Value of Negative Arbitrage	\$0

Sensitivity Analysis	
Interest Rates Increase by 50 bps	
Value of Negative Arbitrage	\$0
NPV Savings (\$)	\$29,132
NPV Savings (% of Refunded Bonds)	0.43%
Interest Rates Decrease by 50 bps	
Value of Negative Arbitrage	\$0
NPV Savings (\$)	\$220,233
NPV Savings (% of Refunded Bonds)	3.22%

Savings by Maturity					
Series	Maturity	Call Date	Coupon	Par	PV Savings %
2016D CO	9/15/2025	9/15/2024	3.280%	\$320,000	-1.15%
2016D CO	9/15/2026	9/15/2024	3.280%	\$335,000	-1.40%
2016D CO	9/15/2027	9/15/2024	3.280%	\$345,000	-1.60%
2016D CO	9/15/2028	9/15/2024	3.280%	\$350,000	-1.96%
2016D CO	9/15/2029	9/15/2024	3.280%	\$370,000	-2.33%
2016D CO	9/15/2030	9/15/2024	3.280%	\$380,000	-2.95%
2016D CO	9/15/2031	9/15/2024	3.280%	\$390,000	-3.52%
2016D CO	9/15/2032	9/15/2024	3.280%	\$400,000	-4.30%
2023A TN	1/15/2028	Anytime	3.400%	\$7,590,000	-1.42%
2023A TN	1/15/2029	Anytime	3.400%	\$4,245,000	-1.69%
2023A TN	1/15/2030	Anytime	3.400%	\$4,340,000	-2.21%
2015 GO	2/15/2026	2/15/2025	5.000%	\$300,000	0.40%
2023C TN	2/15/2026	Anytime	4.620%	\$1,200,000	0.05%
2023C TN	2/15/2027	Anytime	4.620%	\$1,300,000	1.09%
2023C TN	2/15/2028	Anytime	4.620%	\$1,340,000	1.95%
2023C TN	2/15/2029	Anytime	4.620%	\$1,350,000	2.75%
2023C TN	2/15/2030	Anytime	4.620%	\$1,355,000	3.26%

## Refunding Analysis Financing Assumptions:

- Tax-exempt current refunding of certain callable maturities with savings
- Only maturities producing above 0% savings of the four series listed above were further analyzed as part of the refunding summary and scenario
- Current market rates as of 01/06/2025 for a "AA" credit rating

Prior refunding analysis in September had estimated savings totaling \$651,749 or 2.55% on NPV basis:

- MMD 10 year interest rate rose from 2.63% on 9/16/2024 to 3.04% on 01/06/25
- A minimum savings percentage threshold of 3% is recommended before proceeding
- Refunding opportunities can provide increased savings when paired with new money bond issuances which can provide reduced costs of issuance.

# 4th Quarter – In-Process Financing Applications and Transactions

## TWDB:

- Cycle 2 - SFY2024-2025 Flood Infrastructure Fund (“FIF”) applications
- If TWDB awards projects, and County accepts, loan amounts will either apply to County’s EPPF capacity (5¢), or increase the I&S rate

El Paso County				
Rank	Project	State Flood Plan Cost	Estimated Grant %	Estimated Loan Amounts
55	VIN1	\$59,386,496	50%*	\$40,636,496*
131	SOC4	\$2,383,000	40%	\$1,429,800
244	MON3	\$27,033,000	50%	\$13,516,500
274	HAC3	\$4,619,000	60%	\$1,847,600
280	SSA4	<u>\$14,744,000</u>	40%	<u>\$8,846,400</u>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$108,165,496</b>		<b>\$66,276,796</b>

## TWDB Amounts Available\*:

- The TWDB will use grants and zero percent (0%) interest loans to offer at least \$375,000,000 for projects during the 2024-2025 FIF IUP cycle.
- Of the \$375,000,000 available for projects, the maximum amount allocated to grants is \$187,500,000 (50% of total available funds).
- No project will receive more than \$18,750,000 in grant funding (approximately 10% of the total grant funds available).
- The interest rate on all loans will be zero percent (0%).

*\*Source - TWDB State of Texas FIF Intended Use Plan*

## 2024 Defeasance (early payment) of Tax Note, Taxable Series 2023B:

- County Payment: \$2,061,660.96
  - Use of Proceeds: Early redemption of a 2026 maturity in part and 2028 maturity in whole
  - Closed: 10/03/2024
  - **Net PV Savings: \$239,153**
  - **Percentage Savings: 11.79%**

## Schneider Energy Projects - Lease Purchase Obligations:

- Project Fund: \$21,759,785
- Use of Proceeds: Energy Efficiency Projects and Equipment
- Tax-Exempt Interest Rate: 3.86%
- Taxable Interest Rate: 4.83%
- Closed: 11/14/2024
- **Pledged Repayment: Utility savings from the M&O budget**
  - Does not impact County’s I&S debt capacity



## **02. Project Financing Options & Timeline**

## **5¢ Essential Purpose Project Fund – Utilizes Current Tax Rate, No Increase**

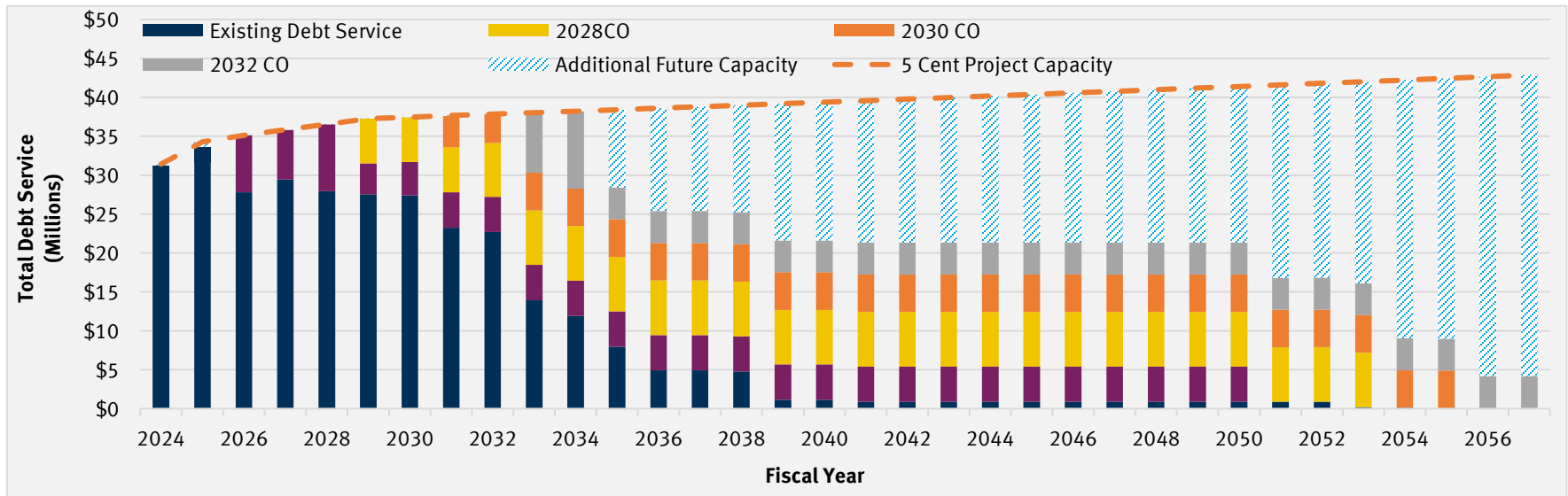
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- The Essential Purpose Project Fund has been designed to perpetually provide funding options for the County's capital facility needs every two to three years through financing.
- A **5¢ I&S rate** structure to provide ongoing funding for County essential purpose projects such as storm water, public safety, and roadways.
- Various financing tools have been legislatively authorized for these types of projects. For Certificates of Obligation and Anticipation Notes, Issuers must describe purposes with enough specificity to **confirm the purposes constitute public works** as statutorily defined by Texas House Bill 4082 from the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature (*Section 271.043, Local Government Code*).
- Current Capacity based on 5¢ rate = **\$135 to \$175 million available over the next three years** (FY2025-2028) depending on the type of debt and repayment period.
- Approx. **\$70 million available every other year thereafter** (2030 and on) without an increase to 5¢ rate.

# 5¢ Essential Purpose Project Fund – Financing Capacity (revised)

## Tax-Exempt Rates – Maximum Projected Capacity

Recurring CO Issues*	CO Series 2025	CO Series 2028	CO Series 2030	CO Series 2032
Par Amount	\$89,045,000	\$95,612,000	\$66,280,000	\$66,720,000
Project Fund	<b>\$90,000,000*</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>
True Interest Cost	4.58%	4.52%	4.43%	4.41%
Final Maturity	02/15/2055	02/15/2053	02/15/2055	02/15/2057
Average Annual Debt Service	\$5,550,557	\$6,944,219	\$4,799,764	\$4,527,465
Total Debt Service	\$164,866,954	\$171,541,499	\$118,567,505	\$111,840,967



\*Financing scenarios have been calculated using market interest rates as of 01/03/2025 plus 25 bps.

\*Assumes TAV of \$68,545,958,179 provided by the County as of 10/01/2024.

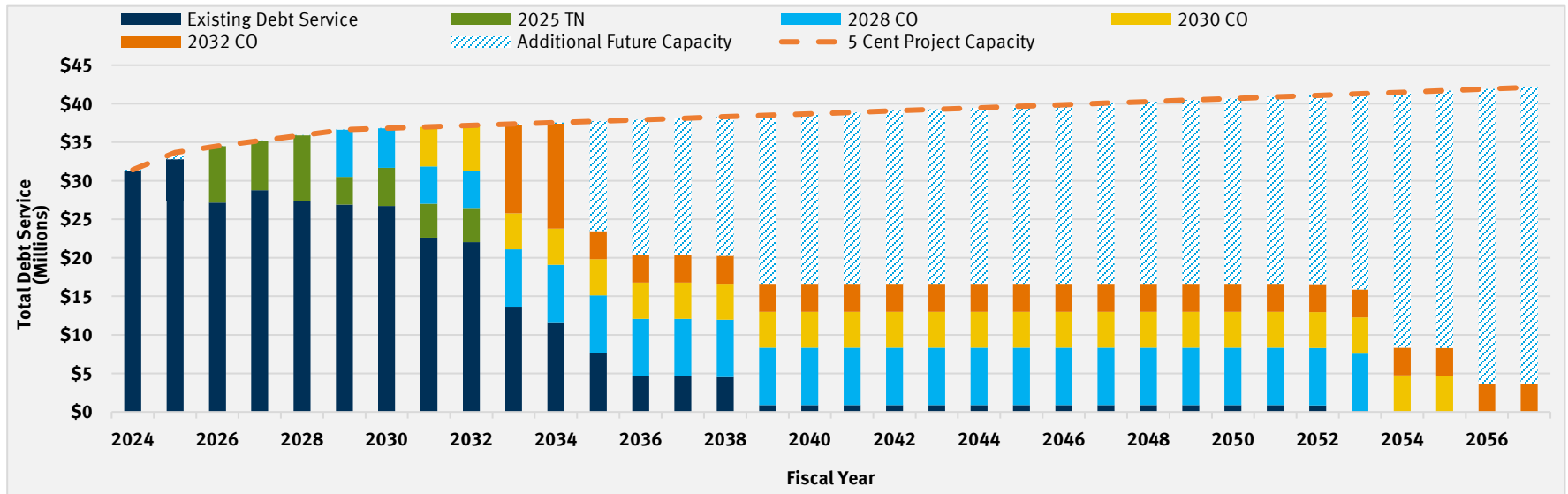
\*Series 2025 CO Scenario assumes a 30-year amortization while the Series 2028, 2030 and 2032 assume a 25-year amortization.

# 5¢ Essential Purpose Project Fund – Tax Note Scenario 1

## Tax-Exempt Rates – Maximum Projected Capacity

Tax Note and CO Issues	TN Series 2025	CO Series 2028	CO Series 2030	CO Series 2032
Par Amount	\$33,655,000	\$95,670,000	\$66,320,000	\$67,065,000
<b>Project Fund</b>	<b>\$35,000,000</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>
True Interest Cost	3.54%	4.52%	4.43%	4.40%
Final Maturity	02/15/2032	02/15/2053	02/15/2053	02/15/2057
Average Annual Debt Service	\$5,879,368	\$6,884,741	\$4,771,241	\$4,321,754
Total Debt Service	\$39,408,099	\$170,072,238	\$117,862,911	\$106,759,340

- When using a taxable component for 20% of the Series 2025 issuance, total debt service equals \$40.78 million, approximately \$1.3M higher, with the True Interest Cost estimated to be 3.60%.
- A \$35M Tax Note saves approximately \$8.46 million, or 17.67% in total debt service, compared to the same sized 25 year financing (C/O or GO).



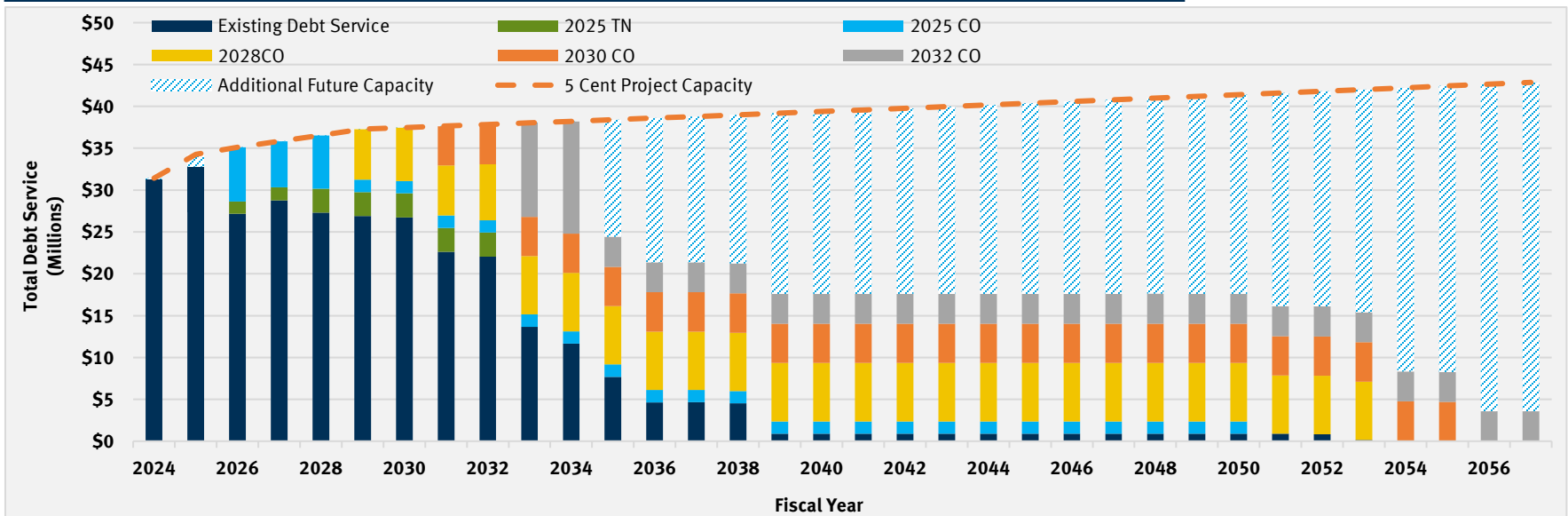
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## 5¢ Essential Purpose Project Fund – Tax Note Scenario 2

### Tax-Exempt Rates – Maximum Projected Capacity

Tax Note and CO Issues	TN Series 2025	CO Series 2025	CO Series 2028	CO Series 2030	CO Series 2032
Par Amount	\$14,240,000	\$33,630,000	\$96,075,000	\$66,355,000	\$67,045,000
<b>Project Fund</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	<b>\$35,000,000</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>
True Interest Cost	3.53%	4.35%	4.56%	4.42%	4.40%
Final Maturity	02/15/2032	02/15/2050	02/15/2053	02/15/2055	02/15/2057
Average Annual Debt Service	\$2,594,577	\$2,053,765	\$6,950,350	\$4,751,900	\$4,333,141
Total Debt Service	\$17,390,877	\$50,733,720	\$171,692,969	\$117,385,141	\$107,040,636

- When using a taxable component for 20% of a Series 2025 Tax Note issuance, total debt service is \$17.48 million, approximately \$90k higher, with the True Interest Cost is estimated to be 3.65%.
- A taxable component for 20% of a Series 2025 C/O issuance, total debt service is \$50.91 million, approximately \$176k higher, with the True Interest Cost is estimated to be 4.39%.

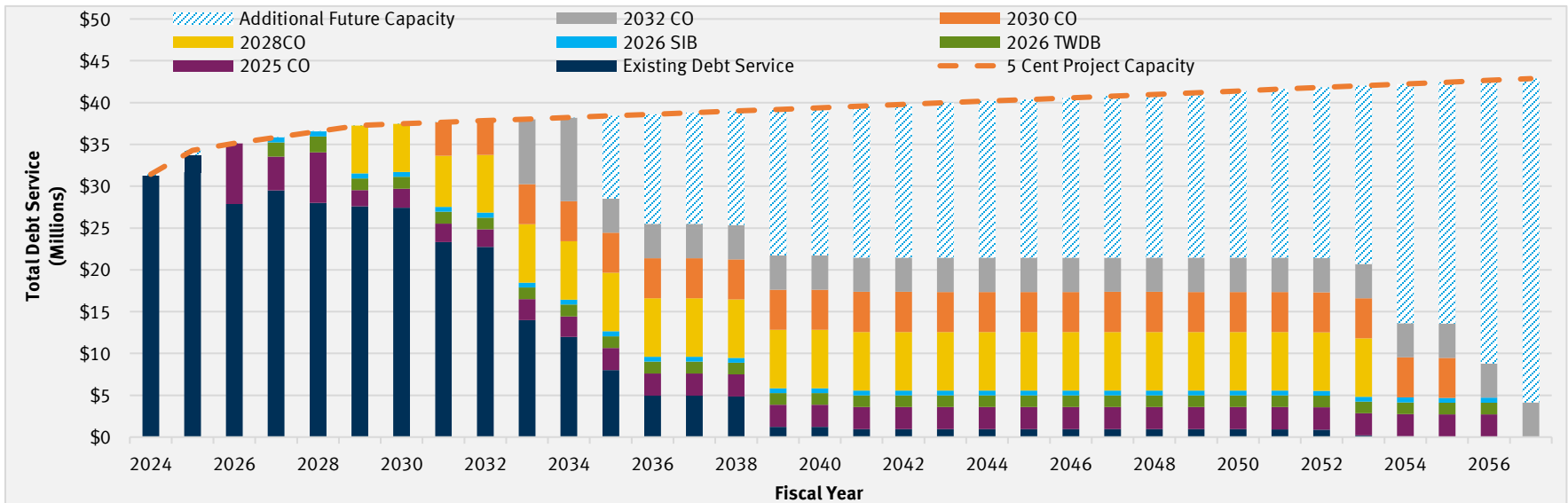


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# 5¢ Essential Purpose Project Fund – TWDB & SIB Scenario (revised)

## Tax-Exempt Rates – Maximum Projected Capacity

TWDB, SIB & CO Issues*	CO Series 2025	TWDB Series 2026	SIB Series 2026	CO Series 2028	CO Series 2030	CO Series 2032
Par Amount	\$49,847,000	\$42,710,000	\$12,185,000	\$95,612,000	\$66,265,000	\$66,725,000
<b>Project Fund</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>	<b>\$42,066,296*</b>	<b>\$12,000,000</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>
True Interest Cost	4.60%	0.00%	2.70%	4.52%	4.43%	4.41%
Final Maturity	2/15/2056	02/15/2056	02/15/2056	02/15/2053	02/15/2055	02/15/2057
Average Annual Debt Service	\$2,905,100	\$1,437,912	\$601,712	\$6,935,667	\$4,809,104	\$4,523,798
Total Debt Service	\$89,194,641	\$42,710,000	\$17,872,505	\$171,330,249	\$118,798,228	\$111,750,392



\*TWDB Project Fund amount assumes the two highest ranked

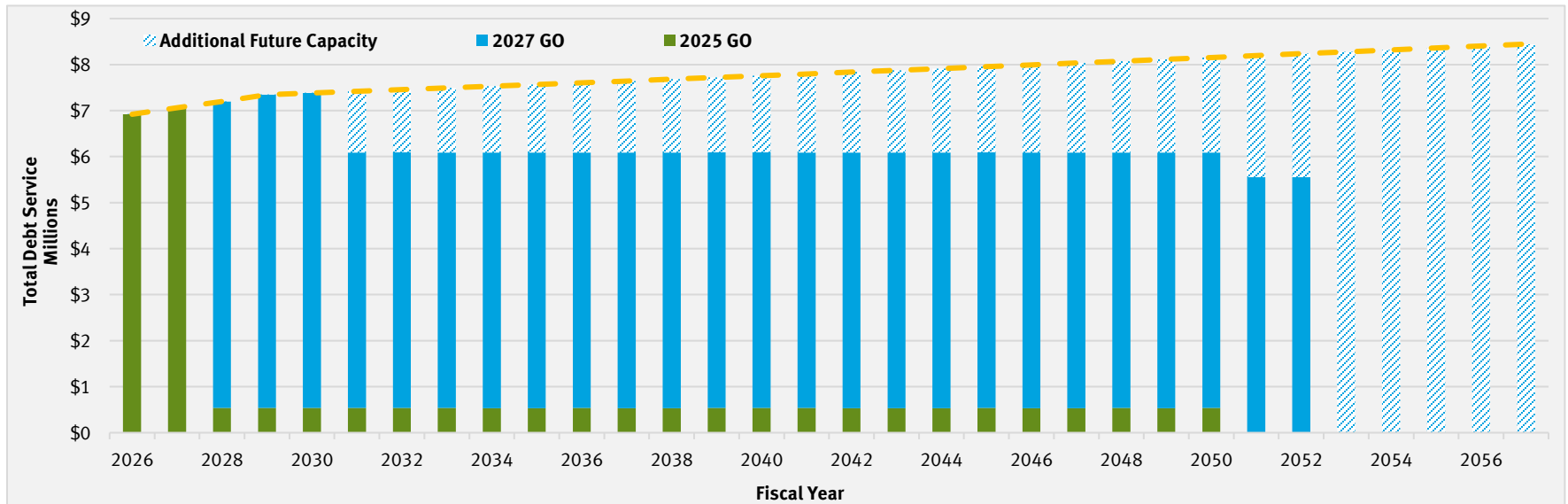
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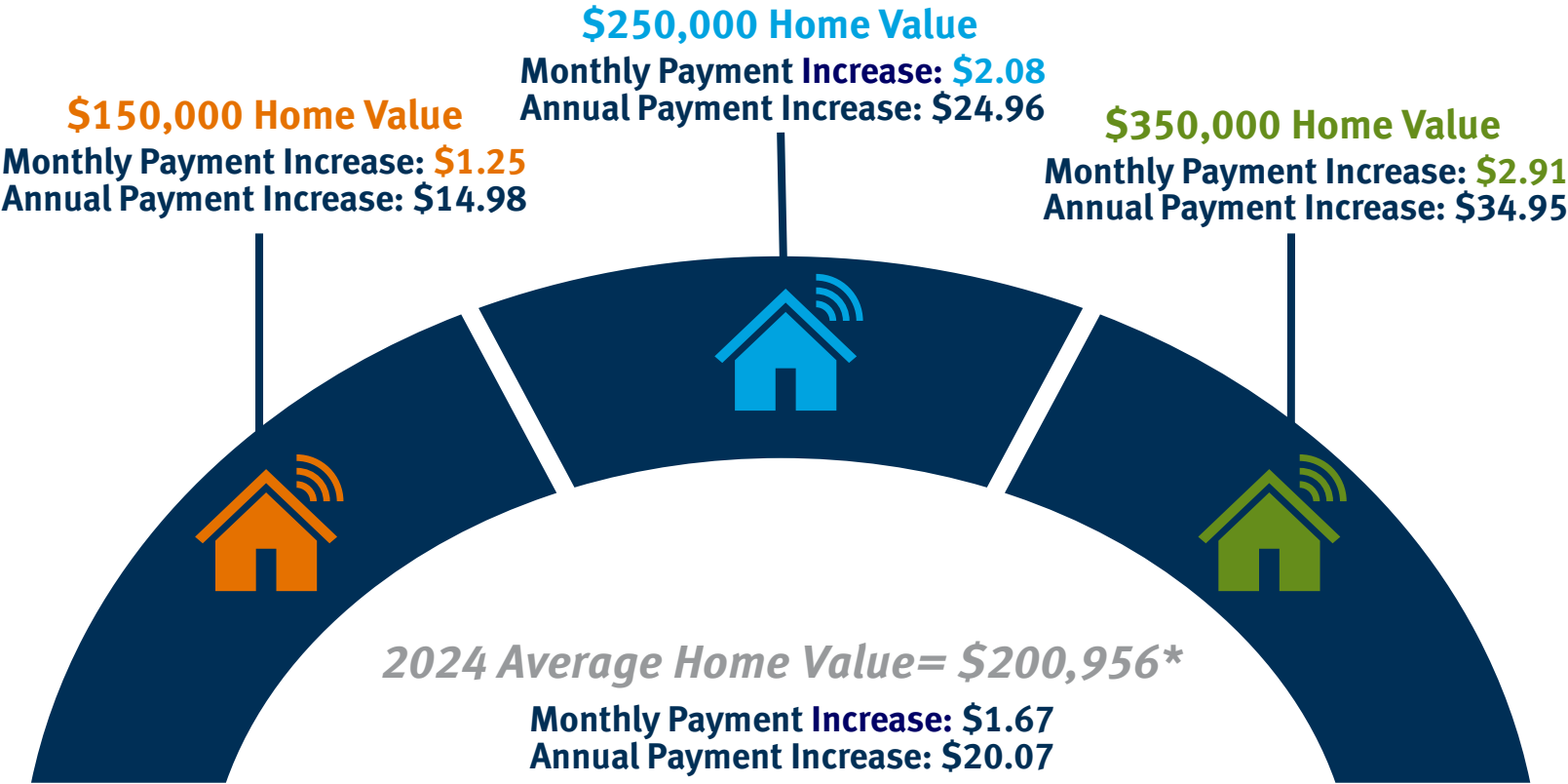
# \$105,485,000 Coliseum Proposition – GO Bond Scenario

## Tax-Exempt Rates – Maximum Projected Capacity

GO Issues*	GO Series 2025	GO Series 2027
Par Amount	\$20,235,000	\$86,480,000
<b>Project Fund</b>	<b>\$20,000,000</b>	<b>\$85,485,000</b>
True Interest Cost	4.63%	4.56%
Final Maturity	02/15/2050	02/15/2052
Average Annual Debt Service	\$1,066,147	\$5,804,035
Total Debt Service	\$26,298,300	\$143,375,805
Estimated Tax Impact	1.0 cents	1.0 cents



How will a \$105.5M Bond Impact Homeowner Taxes?



\* Source: County Budget and Finance Dept  
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## **Upcoming Dates and Estimated Timeline – GO Bonds & EPPF Financings**

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- **January 30<sup>th</sup>** Capital Planning Workshop
- **February 24<sup>th</sup>** Projects and Amounts Determined for FY25  
Capital Project Financings
- **March 10<sup>th</sup>** Notice of Intent considered by Commissioners  
Court (only with C/O)
- **April** Preliminary Taxable Assessed Valuations provided  
from CAD
- **May** **GO Bond Election?**
- **May** **Commissioners Consider Authorization of Financings**  
(GO, TN, and/or CO)
- **May** Rating meetings, drafting of Preliminary Official  
Statement, and other preparations for issuance
- **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Targeted date to lock in interest rates and structures**
- **June 26<sup>th</sup>** Deadline to price and lock in interest rates
- **July 15<sup>th</sup>** Deadline to provide CAD with FY26 debt service  
schedules

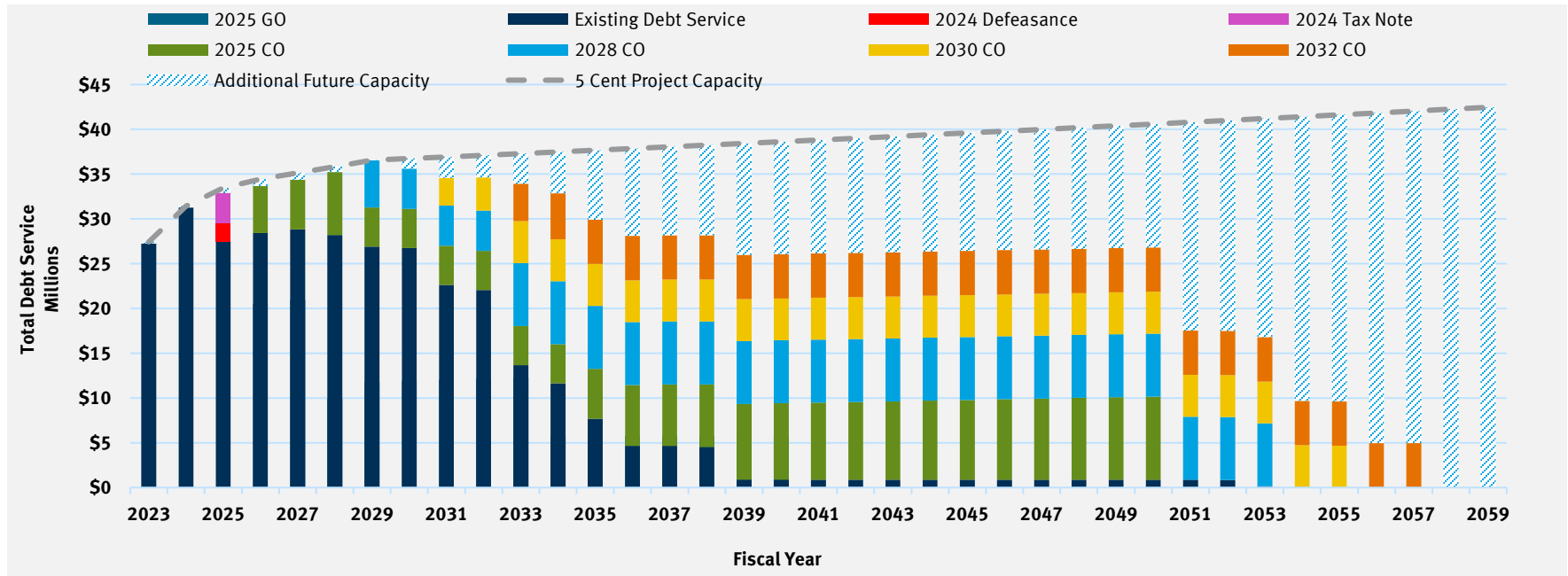
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# 5¢ Essential Purpose Project Fund – Financing Capacity\*

## Tax-Exempt Rates – Maximum Projected Capacity (based on rates as of September 2025)

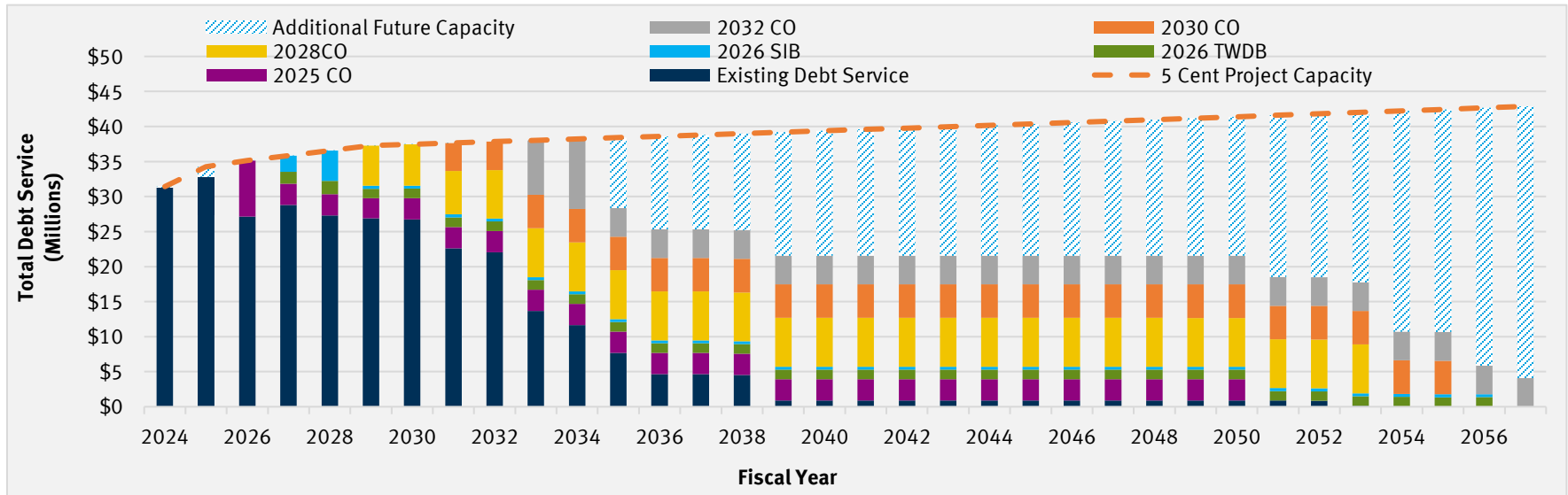
Recurring C/O Issues	CO Series 2025	CO Series 2028	CO Series 2030	CO Series 2032
Par Amount	\$68,560,000	\$90,110,000	\$62,945,000	\$67,600,000
<b>Project Fund</b>	<b>\$75,000,000</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>
True Interest Cost	4.10%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%
Final Maturity	08/15/2050	08/15/2053	08/15/2055	08/15/2057
Average Annual Debt Service	\$4,887,424	\$6,610,477	\$4,649,560	\$4,860,088
Total Debt Service	\$122,973,038	\$166,363,667	\$116,032,373	\$121,286,200



# 5¢ Essential Purpose Project Fund – TWDB & SIB Scenario 1

## Tax-Exempt Rates – Maximum Projected Capacity

TWDB, SIB & CO Issues*	CO Series 2025	TWDB Series 2026	SIB Series 2026	CO Series 2028	CO Series 2030	CO Series 2032
Par Amount	\$47,645,000	\$41,625,000	\$14,217,000	\$95,621,000	\$66,294,000	\$66,725,000
<b>Project Fund</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>	<b>\$41,000,000</b>	<b>\$14,000,000</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>
True Interest Cost	4.42%	0.00%	2.70%	4.52%	4.43%	4.41%
Final Maturity	02/15/2050	02/15/2056	02/15/2056	02/15/2053	02/15/2055	02/15/2057
Average Annual Debt Service	\$3,274,283	\$1,401,384	\$621,829	\$6,929,282	\$4,787,846	\$4,523,798
Total Debt Service	\$80,883,892	\$41,625,000	\$18,470,051	\$171,172,515	\$118,273,097	\$111,750,392



\*Financing scenarios have been calculated using current market interest rates as of 01/03/2025 plus 25 bps.

\*Assumes TAV of \$68,545,958,179 provided by the County as of 10/01/2024 and net total debt service payments.