

TOD: TIFIA and RRIF

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FAST Act - TIFIA Changes

- Other Federal funds can now be used to supplement TIFIA funds to pay subsidy and administrative costs
- Broadened eligibility for projects as small as \$10M, including *TOD public infrastructure* and projects sponsored by local agencies
- New expedited application process
- Authorization reduced from \$1B to \$275M in FY 16; increases to \$300M for final two years
 - But prior requirement that unused funds be turned back is repealed



FAST Act - RRIF Changes

- Directs acceleration of USDOT's approval processes
- Maximum term of 35 years from substantial completion
 - Previously 35 years from date of loan execution
- Principal and interest can be deferred for up to 5 years from substantial completion
 - Previously 6 years from date of loan execution
- Credit risk premium no longer subject to rebate, except outstanding loans
- Made explicit that pledged cash flows as well as collateral may be used to evaluate credit-worthiness
- Master credit agreement provision allows RRIF to support a program of projects, and advance loan commitments
- Provides authority for direct loans to include at least one of the eligible applicants in a joint venture
- May not be subordinated to other project obligations – springing lien

FAST Act Expands RRIF to Include TOD

Eligibility now includes commercial and residential development that:

- incorporates *private investment*,
- is *physically or functionally related to a passenger rail station* or multimodal station that includes rail service;
- has a high probability of the applicant *commencing the contracting process for construction not later than 90 days after the date on which the direct loan or loan guarantee is obligated for the project*, and
- has a high probability of reducing the need for financial assistance under any other Federal program for the relevant passenger rail station or service by *increasing ridership, tenant lease payments, or other activities that generate revenue exceeding costs*.
- Financed projects require a *25% non-federal match*.
- TOD Program sunsets December 2019

List of priority purposes for making such loans now states: *“improve railroad stations and passenger facilities and increase transit-oriented development ”*

RRIF v RIFIA – Comparison of Key Commercial Terms

Program Funding

| TERM | RRIF | TIFIA |
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| Authorized Funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RRIF continues to have zero Congressional funding for credit risk premiums | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorization reduced from \$1B to \$275M in FY 16; increases to \$300M for final two years Total of \$1.435 billion over 5 years |
| Authorized Loan Amounts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$35 billion of loans outstanding is authorized \$7 billion reserved for non-Class I rail carriers, defined as those with operating revenue less than \$272 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No explicit Loan Limit ceiling |

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Financing Terms

| TERM | RRIF | TIFIA |
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| Maximum Loan Amount | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorized to provide funding of up to 100% of eligible project costs TOD capped at 75% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal amounts of credit assistance provided by TIFIA are generally limited to 33% of eligible project costs MAP-21 allows for a project loan size of up to 49% of eligible project costs but this is seldom done in practice |
| Benchmark Rate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparable term U.S. Treasury rate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparable term U.S. Treasury rate |
| Credit Risk Premium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit risk premium is paid by the borrower | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit subsidy is covered by the TIFIA program |

Financing Terms – Loan Maturity Date (Tenor) and Principal Deferral

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| Loan Repayment Term | Maximum term of lesser of: (A) 35 years from the date of substantial completion; or '(B) the estimated useful life of the rail equipment or facilities to be acquired, rehabilitated, improved, developed, or established | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as RRIF |
| Principal and Interest Deferral | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repayments may be deferred for up to five years from Substantial Completion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as RRIF |

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Financing Terms – Subordination

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| Springing Lien Provision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the case of bankruptcy, insolvency, or liquidation of the borrower, RRIF's lien becomes on par with the other senior creditors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the case of bankruptcy, insolvency, or liquidation of the borrower, TIFIA's lien becomes on par with the other senior creditors |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2) PREEXISTING INDENTURES.— (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may waive the requirement under paragraph (1) for a public agency borrower that is financing ongoing capital programs and has outstanding senior bonds under a preexisting indenture if— (i) the direct loan is rated in the A category or higher; (ii) the direct loan is secured and payable from pledged revenues not affected by project performance, such as a tax-based revenue pledge or a system-backed pledge of project revenues; and (iii) the program share, under this title, of eligible project costs is 50 percent or less. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as RRIF, except the program share is capped at 33 percent, not 50 percent of eligible project costs. |