

#### ALBANY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### **AGENDA**

**January 23, 2024** 

- 1. Acceptance of Minutes: October 5, 2023
- 2. Negotiate Terms of a Line of Credit M&T Bank

## **MINUTES**

**October 5, 2023** 



## Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of the Albany County Airport Authority

#### October 23, 2023

Pursuant to notice duly given and posted, the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of the Albany County Airport Authority was called to order on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 12:15 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room in the Main Terminal at the Albany International Airport, Albany, New York by the Finance Committee Member Nardacci, with the following present:

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

#### Thomas A. Nardacci (Committee Member) Samuel A. Fresina, (Ex Officio) Steven Heider (ACAA Board Member) John-Raphael Pichardo (ACAA Board Member)

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Hicks (Chair, Committee) Sari O'Connor (Committee Member) Janet Thayer (ACAA Board Member

#### **STAFF**

Philip F. Calderone, Chief Executive Officer Michael Zonsius, Chief Financial Officer Christine Quinn, Authority Counsel Matt Cannon, Directory of Development & Government Affairs Liz Charland, Administrative Services

#### **ATTENDEES**

Carmiena Brooks, Assistant Airport Manager, AvPorts Steven Smith, Communications Director, AvPorts Brian King, Manager Million Air-Albany Jim O'Brien, Manager Airport Operations David Montiverdi, AvPorts Operations Duty Manager Cameron Sagan, Public Information Officer Albany County George Penn, Director of Operations, Albany County



#### 1. Approve Minutes

Mr. Fresina moved to approve the October 5, 2023 Finance Committee minutes.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### 2. Presentation of Annual Budget for the Year Beginning January 1, 2024

Mr. Zonsius presented a memo outlining the annual budget for the year beginning January 1, 2024 (Draft #2); Budget Comparison with prior years actual results (Exhibit A); and Use and Lease Agreement Rates & Charges Summary.

Mr. Nardacci moved to send the 2024 Budget to the full board for review and approval. The motion was adopted unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



#### ALBANY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### **AGENDA**

October 23, 2023

- 1. Acceptance of Minutes October 5, 2023
- 2. Review and Approve Final 2024 Operating Budget

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

Authorization to negotiate the terms of a line of credit.

M&T Bank 327 Great Oaks Boulevard Albany, NY 12203

#### AGENDA ITEM NO: 2 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: January 23, 2024

# FINANCE COMMITTE ALBANY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION

**DEPARTMENT:** FINANCE

Contact Person: Michael F. Zonsius, Chief Financial Officer

#### **PURPOSE OF REQUEST:**

Authorization to negotiate the terms of a line of credit.

M&T Bank 327 Great Oaks Boulevard Albany, NY 12203

#### **CONTRACT AMOUNT:**

Base Amount: Not applicable. Final documents, including negotiated fees,

will be requested for approval at the February 12, 2024 Board Meeting

#### **BUDGET INFORMATION:**

Anticipated in B2024 Budget: Yes  $\sqrt{No}$  NA\_\_\_\_\_\_ Funding Account Number: 24-79200-71-0000

#### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The resolution (see attached) authorizes Staff to negotiate the terms of the line of credit.

The construction of the Terminal Connector Bridge in the amount of \$100M necessitates the establishment of a line of credit to meet cash flow needs during construction of this facility. Although the project is funded in its entirety by federal and state grants, grant funds are only received on a reimbursement basis after construction costs have been incurred and paid. Authority Staff contemplates that reimbursement of costs paid will approximate a two (2) month period. Accordingly, for the Authority to "bridge" the time period between when the costs are paid and grant funds are received, a \$30 million letter of credit is anticipated.

The Authority solicited financial institutions for this \$30 million letter of credit in a public Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process on December 4, 2023. There were six (6) respondents to this RFQ opened on January 9, 2024 and after review of these proposals, M&T Bank is recommended as the financial institution that has the lowest borrowing cost.

The line of credit, including all documents, will be requested for approval at the February 12, 2024 Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: January 23, 2024

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend authorization approval.

FINAL AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL: YES NA √

#### **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT APPROVAL:**

Procurement complies with Authority Procurement Guidelines and Chief Financial Officer has approved. Yes  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  NA\_\_\_\_

#### **BACK-UP MATERIAL:**

- 1. Resolution of the Members of the Finance Committee;
- 2. Exhibit A, Summary of responses; and
- 3. Exhibit B, Written recommendation from Financial Advisor, Public Resources Advisory Group.

#### RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF ALBANY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

APPROVING THE SELECTION OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO PROVIDE A REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT TO ALBANY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR A PROJECT CONSISTING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT OR ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the members of Albany County Airport Authority (the Authority"), a body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit corporation of the State of New York (the "State"), created and existing under and by virtue of Title 32 of Article 8 of the Public Authority Law, Chapter 43-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State, as enacted by Chapter 686 of the Laws of 1993 of the State, as amended (the "Act"), have authorized a project which consists of: (a) construction of a connector between the existing airport terminal and the adjacent parking garage (the "Connector"), (b) acquisition and installation of various machinery and equipment, and (c) improvements to portions of the terminal area involving the construction and reconstruction of the Connector, including but not limited to related professional planning, consultants, architects and engineers, construction management, and inspection services (collectively referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority (a) will finance a portion of the costs of the Project with certain grant funds (collectively, the "Grants") anticipated to be received by the Authority from (1) the State of New York Department of Transportation in an amount equal to approximately Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000) and (2) the Federal Aviation Administration (the "FAA") in an amount equal to approximately Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000); and (b) intends to provide interim financing of the receipt of the Grants through a revolving line of credit (the "Credit Line"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to certain guidelines adopted by the Authority on August 7, 1995 entitled "Guidelines Establishing Procedures for the Selection of Underwriters; For the Sale of the Authority's Bonds and Certain Other Matters" (the "Guidelines"), the Authority is authorized to issue certain obligations of the Authority, including the Credit Line, through either (a) a Public Competitive Sale, (b) a Public Negotiated Sale, and (c) a Private Negotiated Sale (as each such capitalized term is defined in the Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3(c) of the Guidelines, by letter dated September 7, 2023, the Authority received a written recommendation (the "Recommendation") from the Chair of the Authority recommending that the Authority undertake a Private Negotiated Sale to consummate the Credit Line; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Authority on September 7, 2023 (the "Private Sale Resolution"), the Authority (A) accepted the Chair's Recommendation; (B) authorized a Private Negotiated Sale of the Credit Line pursuant to Section 3(c) of the Guidelines upon receipt of a written recommendation thereof from the Chair of the Authority; and (C) ratified and confirmed the designation of (1) the Chief Financial Officer as the chair of the Selection Committee (as defined in the Guidelines) and (2) the members of the finance committee of the Authority (the "Finance Committee") as the members of the Selection Committee: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Private Sale Resolution, the Selection Committee prepared and distributed a request for qualifications dated December 4, 2023 (the "RFQ") to various financial institutions soliciting proposals for the terms of the Credit Line; and

WHEREAS, the Authority received six (6) responses to the RFQ as of January 9, 2023 (the "Responses," a summary of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>); and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, the financial advisors to the Authority, and bond counsel to the Authority have reviewed the Responses and have provided information to the Selection Committee regarding the Responses and the expected structuring of the documents related to the Credit Line; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Selection Committee have reviewed such further information and have discussed the same with the Chief Financial Officer, as chair of the Selection Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE ALBANY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The Finance Committee hereby finds and determines that, based on (a) the Selection Committee's discussions with the Chief Financial Officer, the financial advisors, and bond counsel; and (b) a written recommendation (the "Bank Recommendation") received from the Public Resources Advisory Group (a copy of which is attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit B">Exhibit B</a>): the Response received from M&T Bank reflects the greatest understanding of the Project to be completed by the Authority and will provide the greatest flexibility for the Authority with respect to Project costs and reporting covenants.

SECTION 2. SELECTION. The Finance Committee hereby designates and selects M&T Bank to serve as the financial institution to provide the Credit Line.

SECTION 3. NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS. The Chair and/or Chief Financial Officer of the Authority are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Authority, to negotiate the terms of the Credit Line with M&T Bank and, further, to execute and deliver such documents as may be necessary or appropriate in order to finalize the terms of the Credit Line (the "Negotiation Documents"), all substantially consistent with the terms of the Response prepared by M&T Bank, with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the Chair and/or Chief Financial Officer of the Authority shall approve, the execution thereof by such Chair and/or Chief Financial Officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval. The Negotiation Documents shall be executed in the name of the Authority by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chair and/or Chief Financial Officer of the Authority and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of the Authority, or in such manner as may be required or permitted by law.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, being the duly elected and qualifying Secretary of Albany County Airport Authority (the "Authority") DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that the following constitutes a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the members of the Finance Committee of the Authority on January 23, 2024, selecting a financial institution to provide the Credit Line to the Authority, as it appears in the records of the Authority in my possession as of the date hereof.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed, or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have he	ereto set my hand this day of January, 2024.
	Secretary

#### EXHIBIT A

#### RESPONSES TO RFP

	Bank of China, NY Branch	Community Bank, N.A.	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	KeyBank, N.A.	M&T Bank	TD Bank, N.A.
<b>Contact Information</b>	Dan Peng (Maggie) Jiang	Ryan St. Peter	Anne Tsay	Cynthia A. Pettit	Matthew Hunt	Jennifer L. Davis
	Senior Vice President	Commercial Banking Officer	Vice President	Vice President	Senior Vice President	Vice President
	(646) 599-3422	(518) 903-8705	(646) 528-4817	(518) 257-8429	(518) 937-5627	(212) 220-2008
	dpjiang@bocusa.com	Ryan.stpeter@cbna.com	anne.x.tsay@jpmorgan.com	cynthina_pettit@keybank.com	mhunt3@mtb.com	Jennifer.davis3@td.com
Timeframe for Credit	30-60 days from receipt of	30 days should be sufficient.	Within 10 business days of		Final Credit approval	Approximately 3 weeks from receipt of all
Approval	required material.		obtaining all information		based on Borrower	required due diligence material.
			necessary for credit		financial analysis typically	
			application.		takes 5 to 7 business days.	
Length of Time	February 28, 2024	February 28, 2024	February 28, 2024 (if	February 28, 2024	February 28, 2024	February 28, 2024
Proposal is Valid		(or beyond; within reason)	approved before January 26).		_	
Facility	Revolving line of credit.	Revolving line of credit.	Revolving line of credit.	Revolving line of credit.	Revolving line of credit.	Revolving line of credit.
Minimum Draw	None listed.	In increments of no less than	Minimum denominations of	Minimum advances of	None listed.	None listed.
		\$250,000.	\$1,000,000 and integral	\$250,000 limited to no more		
			multiples of \$100,000 with 3	than 2 advances a month.		
			business days' notice (also for			
			repayments)			
<b>Optional Prepayment</b>	Full or partial at any time		Note mandatory prepayment			
	without penalty and may		terms below.			
	draw again from such repaid					
	amounts during term of the					
	Line of Credit.					
Rate Formula	1, 3 or 6-Month Term SOFR	1-Month Term SOFR +	1-Month Term SOFR + 1.45%	1-Month Term SOFR + 2.10%	1-year term with auto	1-Month Term SOFR + 0.90%, actual/360
	+ 1.30% + spread adjustment	1.80% (indicative rate: 7.13%	(subject to a pricing grid based		renew feature:	basis
		as of 1/8/2024); rate floor of	upon Authority's S&P and		Daily SOFR + 1.20%	
	Spread Adjustment: 0.12%	6.00%.	Moody's ratings, and the			
			default rate) + Credit Spread		2-year term:	
	ACAA Ratings (lower of		Adjustment		Daily SOFR + 1.27%	
	Moody's and S&P Ratings)					
	SOFR Margin Adjustment:		Credit Spread Adjustment:		(M&T estimates Daily	
	A3 or A-: No adjustment		0.10%		SOFR to be approximately	
	Baa1 or BBB+: +0.10%				equivalent to 1-Month	
	Baa2 or BBB: +0.20%				Term SOFR)	
	Baa3 or BBB-: +0.50%					
	Ba1 or BB+: +2.50%					
	Ba2 or BB or Default Rate:					
	SOFR + 4:00% + spread					
	adjustment					
Town Out Dunaising	Towns I am Start Date: 1	T :				
Term Out Provisions	Term Loan Start Date: the	Two-year term-out provision,				
	earlier of Maturity Date of	\$25,000 fee.				
	Revolver or a mutually					
	agreed upon date					

	Bank of China, NY Branch	Community Bank, N.A.	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	KeyBank, N.A.	M&T Bank	TD Bank, N.A.
	Term Loan Duration: Max of three years Term Loan Repayment: Equal semiannual installments of principal and interest, commencing 180 days after the date of liquidity advance, over the remaining repayment period up to 5 years max tenor. Term Loan Rate: Base Rate + Margin + Term Stepup Spread Base Rate: greater of (i) prime rate plus 0.50%, (ii) Fed Funds plus 1% and (iii) 7%. Margin: SOFR + 1.30% + spread adjustment Term Stepup Spread: 2.00% for year 1, 2.50% for year 2, 3.00% for year 3, 4.00% thereafter.			TO JOHN J. W.		
Upfront Fee	None indicated.	\$25,000 Commitment Fee (waived if primary accounts are opened and maintained with CBNA)	Yes, for a facility less than \$30 million.	None indicated.	None indicated.	None indicated.
Non-Usage Fee	0.30% per annum	None specified.	0.575% per annum (ACT/360) payable quarterly in arrears.	0.20% per annum paid quarterly in arrears and at maturity.	N/A.	\$30MM: 0.12% per annum \$25MM: 0.13% per annum \$20MM: 0.14% per annum Payable quarterly in arrears
Bank Counsel	Richard A. Cosgrove, Chapman and Cutler LLP	Matthew Barry	Kevin O'Neill Chapman and Cutler LLP	John R. Mineaux, Esq. Roemer Wallins Gold & Mineaux LLP	John R. Mineaux, Esq. Roemer Wallins Gold & Mineaux LLP	David M. Field Chapman and Cutler LLP
Bank Legal Fees	Estimate: \$75,000 Capped at: \$95,000 plus disbursements for U.S. counsel	Estimated at \$15,000, will try to cap at \$20,000.	Estimate: \$75,000 Capped at: \$95,000 plus disbursements	No estimate, but cap of \$30,000.	Estimate of \$7,500, will try to cap at \$10,000. Includes documentation.	Estimate: \$75,000 Capped at: \$90,000 subject to customary negotiations.
Other Expenses (Itemize)	None listed.	Borrower shall be responsible for all expenses associated with consummating this loan transaction including but not	Including, but not limited to, the following: the default rate, amendment fee, termination/reduction fee, and	The Authority shall pay all reasonable costs and actual expenses related to the Facility including, but not limited to,	5% of the overdue payment if received more than 10 days from the due date, or if Authority is downgraded	6% of the overdue payment if received more than 15 days from the due date.

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		limited to any attorney fees related to preparing loan documents, company name verification, certification of good standing, and, as applicable, recording fees, tax search, flood search, valuation fees, environmental fees, and inspection fees.	clawback provisions.	fees of Lender counsel in connection with this financing.	by more than 2 notches from current A2 Moody's rating.	
Notable Disclosure Requirements	(1) Monthly project status report (2) Monthly Federal and NY State grant usage report (3) Quarterly financials due 60 days after quarter-end (4) Audited annual financials due 150 days after year-end	At the request of Bank, any other pertinent information that may be deemed required by the Bank.		Require annual audited financial statements; quarterly interim statements and quarterly reports on Grant funds receivable and the remaining Grant balance.	Customary for facility of this type, including but not limited to: (1) Annual audited consolidated financial statements within 180 days from Fiscal Year End. (2) Annual budget within 60 days after adoption. (3) Quarterly internally prepared financial statements (4) Construction and Grant Reports to include amounts expended versus budgeted (5) Any other pertinent document M&T may reasonably request	(1) Annual audit, 120 days after year-end (2) Annual approved budget, by July 15 each year (3) Quarterly financial statements and related operating statistics, 45 days after quarter-end (4) Additional information as required
Other Terms and Conditions	Covenants:  (1) The Authority to covenant to maintain capacity to issue first lien revenue bonds in an amount equal to the unused amount of the Facility and any outstanding Loans.  (2) The Authority to covenant to maintain unpledged and available funds in each fiscal year in amount sufficient to pay interest on the Loan.	Collateral: Best efforts to obtain an assignment of and security interest in the proceeds due to the Authority under the State of New York/FAA Grants as outlined in the Terminal Expansion and Modernization Project (TEMP) agreement.  Covenants: Customary for this type of transaction in the reasonable opinion of the Bank and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:	Security: Unsecured obligation of Authority. If grant proceeds can be secured, Bank should have first perfected security interest.  Covenants: Those customary and usual for a transaction of this nature to include, but not limited to the following:  1.0x hard default tested annually for all debt (senior/subordinate/unsecured)  No additional debt on the Project without consent from	Collateral: (1) The Authority will establish a depository account with Lender (the "Pledged Account") into which the Authority will be obligated to deposit any and all Grant Proceeds disbursed by (a) the NYSDOT pursuant to the Aviation Project Funding Agreement K007494; and (b) the FAA pursuant to an Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) and Airport Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants (together with the Aviation	Security: The line of credit facility will be incurred as a direct obligation of the borrower. Interest have been budgeted by the Authority and are payable from cash flow from operations. Line of Credit is to be repaid utilizing grants (pledge upon receipt) from the FAA and NYS.	Collateral: A perfected first priority pledge and security interest in the following grants:  1. \$60,000,000 State of New York Aviation Project Funding Agreement K007494 by and between the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT") and the Authority.  2. FAA Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG)-Grant amounts are set by formula based on enplaned passenger levels. Expected annual grant awards of approximately \$5,500,000 to continue from 2024 to 2026.  3. Airport Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants receipts of \$12,113,224 will be used to fund the project.

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	The facility will be cross-	the Bank, which shall not be	Project Funding Agreement,		Financial Covenants: Minimum of 1.0X
	defaulted with other	unreasonably withheld.	the "Grant Agreements"). All		DSC of all Borrower debt including Airport
	outstanding debts, overall	• The Authority will covenant	Grant Proceeds disbursed and		Revenue Bonds. Additional Debt would
	debt service covenant	to follow all covenants and	to be disbursed by NYSDOT		require a minimum of 1.0X DSC of all
	definition(s) will be obtained	procedures, to the extent	and FAA will be pledged to		Borrower debt including Airport Revenue
	and papered in the final set of	permitted by law, required	Lender as collateral for		Bonds.
	documents.	under the Grants. Any	repayment of the Facility.		Other Conditions:
	Additional Conditions:	suspension or termination of a	(2) Any legally available		(1) Suspension or termination of any grant
	Borrower shall maintain their	Grant shall be an event of	monies held in the Authority's		will constitute an event of default.
	operating depository	default under the Facility.	Airport Development Fund		(2) In no event shall the aggregate of the
	accounts and	• The Authority will covenant	which, at its sole discretion,		unutilized amount of the Facility and the
	cash management services	to maintain capacity to issue	may be deposited into a		principal amount of outstanding Loans at any
	with the Bank. The Bank	first lien revenue bonds in an	separate depository account to		time exceed 90% of the aggregate amount the
	shall pay a	amount equal to the aggregate	make required Facility interest		Grant proceeds remaining to be funded to the
	minimum interest rate of	of the unutilized amount of the	payments.		Borrower, so with each draw there will need
	4.00% on said operating	Facility and the principal	(3) The Authority will provide		to be a representation as to compliance with
	funds for a period of six	amount of outstanding Loans	a General Revenue pledge of		that condition.
	months. After the initial six-	under the Facility.	the Authority's net revenues		(3) The Borrower will covenant to maintain
	month period, terms will be	• The Authority will covenant	subordinate to the Authority's		capacity to issue first lien revenue bonds in an
	reevaluated/negotiated based	to maintain unpledged and	payment obligations of		amount equal to the aggregate of the
	on then current market rates.	available funds in each fiscal	principal and interest on any		unutilized amount of the Facility and the
		year in an amount sufficient to	and all Airport Revenue		principal amount of outstanding Loans under
		pay interest on the Loans	Bonds. "General Revenues"		the Facility.
		under the Facility.	shall mean all revenues of the		(4) The Borrower will covenant to maintain
		Required Documentation:	Authority from any source		unpledged and available funds in each fiscal
		The Agreement will include,	(other than Facility proceeds),		year in an amount sufficient to pay interest on
		but not be limited to, the terms	but only to the extent that		the Loans under the Facility.
		and conditions outlined herein	those revenues are available to		(5) The Borrower will maintain a minimum
		as well as JPMorgan's	pay debt service on the		public debt rating of BBB+/Baa1 on
		standard provisions with	Facility and are not now or		outstanding Airport Revenue Bonds.
		respect to representations and	hereafter pledged or restricted,		(6) Budget to include the amount budgeted
		warranties, covenants, events	by law, regulation, contract,		annually for interest payments, with the
		of default, remedies,	covenant, resolution, deed of		underlying assumptions related to the amount
		indemnification (gross	trust or otherwise solely to		budgeted to be clearly delineated.
		negligence standard), waiver	another particular purpose.		(7) Prior to each Loan, the Bank shall be
		of jury trial, right of set-off,	Covenants:		provided with (i) inspection reports and other
		OFAC and anti-corruption,	(1) The Authority shall be		materials associated with the use of proceeds,
		waiver of sovereign immunity	required to maintain a debt		(ii) confirmation that the proposed use of the
		(both a representation and a	service coverage ratio of no		Loan is for Eligible Project costs, and (iii)
		covenant), most favored	less than 1.00x, after the		confirmation that the Borrower remains in
		nation, and full protection	payment of contractually		compliance with all terms and requirements of
		against withholding taxes,	obligated bonded debt service		the grant(s) and the remaining amount

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		increased costs and changes in	and required payments on the		available on the grant(s) exceeds the
		capital adequacy requirements	Facility.		outstanding balance of the line after the
		(including, without limitation,	(2) The Authority may not		requested draw.
		in connection with the Dodd	issue any additional credit		(8) All grant funds that support the Project
		Frank Act and Basel III,	facility or incur any additional		will, upon receipt by the Borrower, be applied
		regardless of the date enacted)	debt that is repaid by Grant		first to any amounts outstanding under the
		both at the Bank and parent	Proceeds without the express		Facility. Grant funds may not be used for any
		level.	written consent of Lender.		purpose other than the Project.
			(3) The Authority will assure		(9) All legal matters and documentation to be
			that remaining Grant Proceeds		executed in connection with the contemplated
			to be received are at a		proposed Credit Accommodation shall be
			minimum equal to the		satisfactory in form and substance to the Bank
			\$30,000,000 amount of the		and counsel to the Bank.
			Facility. At no time will the		(10) The Bank shall not be required to enter
			Grant Proceeds receivable		into the proposed Facility until the completion
			exceed the Facility		of all due diligence inquiries, receipt of
			availability.		approvals from all requisite parties and the
			(4) The Authority will provide		execution and receipt of all necessary
			a Compliance Certificate		documentation reasonably acceptable to the
			certifying remaining Grant		Bank and its counsel. This due diligence will
			Proceeds available on a		include further details on the airline
			quarterly basis.		agreements with the top three signatory
			(5) Additional covenants as		airlines (SWA/American/Delta).
			are normal and customary for		(11) The Bank complies with the US Patriot
			a financing of this nature.		Act of 2001 (the "Act"), including, but not
					limited to; those sections relating to customer
					identification, monitoring and reporting of
					suspicious activities, and the prevention of
					money laundering. This Act mandates that we
					verify certain information about the borrower
					and any guarantor while processing the Credit
					Accommodations request. Furthermore,
					certain assumptions are made for this proposal
					which, if altered, could affect the overall
					credit approval and or the terms of the
					proposed Credit Accommodations.
					(12) Events of Default: Normal and customary
					for a transaction of this type including cross
					default to other Borrower debt. Remedies
					upon an Event of Default will be normal and
					customer for a transaction of this type and will
					include the termination of the Facility with all

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					amounts immediately due and payable.
					(13) Default Rate of Interest: The default rate
					of interest shall be four (4) percentage points
					in excess of the rate of interest charged prior
					to the occurrence of the event of default.
					(14) Waiver of Jury Trial: The Borrower shall
					waive its right to trial by jury.
					Representations and Covenants: The
					Borrower shall represent that it has no right to
					invoke immunity with respect to contractual
					obligations under the Facility and the related
					transaction internal documents and the
					Borrower shall covenant that, to the extent
					permitted by law, it will waive any right to
					invoke immunity with respect to its
					obligations under the Facility and the related
					transaction documents.

#### EXHIBIT B

#### MUNICIPAL ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION



#### PUBLIC RESOURCES ADVISORY GROUP

January 16, 2024

Albany County Airport Authority 737 Albany Shaker Road Albany, NY 12211

Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

Public Resources Advisory Group, Inc. ("PRAG") is serving as municipal advisor to the Albany County Airport Authority (the "Authority"). In connection with its \$100 million Terminal Expansion and Modernization Project, the Authority plans to commence work using a line of credit as an interim source of funding to be reimbursed from draws from both a \$60 million grant from the State of New York and a \$40 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration.

To receive the most beneficial terms, on December 4, 2023, PRAG, on the Authority's behalf, issued a Request for Proposals for a Revolving Bank Loan Facility (Line of Credit) (the "RFP") with responses due on January 9, 2024. The Authority received six (6) proposals, key terms of which are summarized below:

Respondent	Taxable Variable Interest Rate	Non-Usage Fee	Upfront Fee	Legal Fee <sup>1</sup>	Total Cost (Est.) <sup>2</sup>
Bank of China, NY Branch	1-month SOFR + 1.42%	0.30%	\$0	\$95,000	\$1,241,500
Community Bank, N.A.	1-month SOFR + 1.80%	0.00%	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$1,177,019
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	1-month SOFR + 1.55%	0.58%	\$0	\$95,000	\$1,335,682
Key Bank, N.A.	1-month SOFR + 2.10%	0.20%	\$0	\$30,000	\$1,265,267
M&T Bank <sup>3</sup>	Daily SOFR + 1.20%	0.00%	\$0	\$10,000	\$1,040,531
TD Bank, N.A.	1-month SOFR + 0.90%	0.13%	\$0	\$90,000	\$1,103,915

- 1. Maximum estimated or capped legal fees.
- 2. Interest and Non-Usage costs estimated using \$30 million credit line with proforma draw schedule from March 1, 2024 through July 1, 2025 and a maximum balance of \$25 million.
- 3. M&T Bank's 1-year auto-renew rate shown.
- 4. Daily SOFR is estimated to approximate 1-month Term SOFR.

PRAG conducted an analysis of the proposals to identify those resulting in the lowest cost of borrowing. The Authority indicated that it planned to use the Line of Credit to provide funds for construction draws that would likely commence by March 1, 2024, and be completed by July 1, 2025. The amount drawn on the Line of Credit at any one time is not expected to exceed \$30 million.

Given these parameters and using SOFR swap rates to inform future short-term borrowing costs, we estimate that M&T Bank's proposal may be the least expensive. M&T Bank's proposal is aided by its low interest rate, low estimated legal fee and the lack of a non-usage fee. Based upon a proforma utilization schedule for the Line of Credit, the M&T Bank proposal would provide the Authority with the lowest borrowing cost.

We are prepared to discuss our recommendation at any time at your convenience, and we look forward to working with the Authority to complete this transaction.

Sincerely,

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