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Florida Seaport Investment Program: Fitch New Issue Report

The 'AA+' rating is based on the 'aaa' level resilience of the bond structure with exceptional coverage of debt service from the \$47 portion of MV title fees deposited to the STTF. Revenues are expected to grow at a pace above inflation consistent with an 'aa' assessment reflecting the solid underlying economic and demographic characteristics of the state. The allocation of pledged revenues to the STTF is subject to appropriation by the state, which limits the rating to one notch below the state's Issuer Default Rating (IDR; AAA/Stable). Key Rating Drivers Exceptional Resilience: The \$47 portion of the MV title fee deposited to the STTF generated \$268.7 million in fiscal 2022, 9.5% higher than three years prior, before pandemic-related disruptions. Of this amount, \$10 million is statutorily directed to the SIP, subject to appropriation, and pledged to bondholders. Following the refunding sale, maximum annual debt service (MADS) is estimated to be \$7.8 million in 2041; debt service is limited to the current \$10 million STTF allocation to the SIP. Solid Growth Expectations: Fitch expects MV title fee revenues to exceed inflation over time underpinned by the state's favorable in-migration record and prospects for ongoing economic expansion. The state is forecasting flat revenue trends over the next several years but actual results tend to outperform estimates

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