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KBRA Releases Rating Report: Riverside County Transportation Commission Toll Revenue Bond, 2017 TIFIA Series

Kroll Bond Rating Agency (KBRA) announces the preliminary rating of BBB for the Riverside County Transportation Commission Toll Revenue Bond, 2017 TIFIA Series. The bond evidences the \$152.5 million loan ("the TIFIA Loan") from the United States Department of Transportation to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). The TIFIA Loan constitutes federal project credit assistance under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act for the I-15 express lanes project ("the Project") located in Riverside County, California.

The TIFIA Loan will have senior lien priority in project revenues. The interest rate will be set at closing at the 30-year U.S. Treasury State and Local Government Series rate plus 0.01%. The maturity of the TIFIA Loan will be limited to the earlier of 35 years after substantial completion of the Project (currently projected for July 1, 2020) or June 1, 2056. Interest on the TIFIA Loan will be paid semi-annually while principal will be paid annually. The TIFIA Loan will fully amortize by the projected maturity date, and therefore there is no refinancing risk in the transaction. Proceeds of the TIFIA Loan will be used to fund a portion of design-build and other costs for the Project, which are currently estimated at \$471 million. Other sources of funds for such Project costs include RCTC's Measure A sales tax revenue and Measure A sales tax bonds issued in relation thereto and various federal grants. Senior debt service coverage ratios for the TIFIA Loan average 3.13x under KBRA's rating case and stressed assumptions KBRA used in analyzing Project cash flows include higher construction and O&M costs and lower traffic volumes.

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[Riverside County Transportation Commission Toll Revenue Bond, 2017 TIFIA Series](#)

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