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TREASURER WOODEN ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL \$850 MILLION SPECIAL TAX OBLIGATION BOND SALE, SETTING NEW RECORD

VERY POSITIVE INVESTOR DEMAND AS PANDEMIC RESPONSE CONTINUES

Hartford, CT -- State Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden today announced the successful pricing of \$850 million Special Tax Obligation (STO), Transportation Infrastructure bonds, demonstrating strong investor confidence amid the ongoing COVID-19 response and a confirmation of a stable fiscal outlook for the State.

Consistent with past practice, Treasurer Wooden gave retail investors priority during a dedicated retail order period on Monday, May 18th. Retail orders received during this one-day priority period totaled \$480 million, setting a new record for the STO Bond program.

“The success of our STO bond sale is important for Connecticut. The funding will be used for transportation projects across the State and the low cost of funds achieved will save taxpayers money,” said State Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden. “Continuing to manage our limited resources prudently during a crisis is another way of demonstrating that our state continues to head in the right direction.”

Transportation infrastructure projects funded by these bonds include the following:

- I-95 Gold Star Memorial Bridge in New London;
- I-84 Improvement Program in Waterbury;
- I-91/CT 15 Interchange Improvements in Wethersfield and East Hartford;
- New Haven Rail Yard Master Complex;
- The replacement of the Walk Bridge in Norwalk; and
- Enhancements to the rail fleet.

Orders from both retail and institutional investors reached \$7.2 billion, far exceeding the bonds offered and allowing the State to lower its borrowing costs in the final pricing. The overall interest cost on the twenty-year bond sale is 2.97%.

“The ability to finance strategic improvements in our transportation infrastructure at such a low cost is a benefit for all of our residents and the future of our state,” said Treasurer Wooden.

Prior to the sale, three rating agencies reviewed and affirmed their credit ratings and stable outlooks for the State’s STO bonds: S&P Global Ratings at “A+”, Fitch Ratings at “A+”, and Kroll Bond Ratings at “AA+”.

RBC Capital Markets led the bond underwriting syndicate that sold the bonds. The bond sale is scheduled to close on May 29, 2020.

More information on the State's bonding programs is available at www.buycrbonds.com.

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