



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY

May 29, 2024
AGENDA ITEM #4

Approve financial institutions and qualified brokers authorized to provide investment services and engage in investment transactions with the Mobility Authority and reaffirm the CTRMA investment policy

Strategic Plan Relevance: Stewardship
Department: Finance
Contact: José A. Hernández, Chief Financial Officer
Associated Costs: N/A
Funding Source: N/A
Action Requested: Consider and act on draft resolution.

Investment Policy - Texas Government Code §2256.005(e) requires the Board to, at least annually, review and either revise or reaffirm the Mobility Authority investment policy and strategy. The investment policy and strategy is located in Article 5 of Chapter 2 of the Mobility Authority Policy Code. This code establishes that “it is the policy of the authority to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the maximum security with the highest investment return while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the authority conforming to all state and local statutes governing investment of public funds”. A copy of the current investment policy and strategy is included in the backup materials. No amendments are recommended with this review. Therefore, staff recommends affirming the current CTRMA Investment policy.

Financial Institutions and Qualified Brokers - Texas Government Code §2256.025 and Mobility Authority Policy Code §201.011 require the Board to annually review and approve the financial institutions and qualified brokers authorized to provide investment services and engage in investment transactions with the Mobility Authority. The recommended list of authorized financial institutions and investment brokers is included in the backup materials. The five recommended firms are on the current approved list.

Action Requested/Staff Recommendation - Staff recommends affirming the current CTRMA investment policy and approving the list of authorized financial institutions and investment brokers included in the backup.

Backup provided: Draft Resolution
List of authorized financial institutions and investment brokers
CTRMA Investment Policy

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-0XX

**APPROVING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND QUALIFIED BROKERS
AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE INVESTMENT SERVICES AND ENGAGE IN INVESTMENT
TRANSACTIONS WITH THE MOBILITY AUTHORITY.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code §2256.005(e), the Board is required to review the Mobility Authority’s investment policy and investment strategy annually and record any changes made to either the investment policy or investment strategy; and

WHEREAS, Article 5 of Chapter 2 of the Mobility Authority Policy Code establishes the Mobility Authority’s investment policy and strategy in compliance with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Mobility Authority’s current investment policy and strategy set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 2 of the Mobility Authority Policy Code and finds that there have been no changes to the policy or strategy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code §2256.025, the Board is required to review and adopt a list of qualified brokers that are authorized to engage in investment transactions with the Mobility Authority; and

WHEREAS, Section 201.011(a) of the Mobility Authority Policy Code provides that “financial institutions and qualified brokers authorized to provide investment services and engage in investment transactions with the authority” shall be approved by a separate resolution adopted by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer recommend that the Board approve the financial institutions and qualified brokers listed on Exhibit A to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board accepts and approves the current investment policy and strategy set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 2 of the Mobility Authority Policy Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the firms listed on Exhibit A to this resolution are hereby authorized to provide investment services and engage in investment transactions with the Mobility Authority.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 29th day of May 2024.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

James M. Bass
Executive Director

Robert W. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors

Exhibit A

Authorized Investment Broker Dealers and Financial Institutions

FHN Financial Capital Markets (John Saragusa)
206 Wild Basin Road, Suite 109
Austin, Texas 78746

Great Pacific Securities (Garrett Ng)
151 Kalmus Drive, Suite H-8
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. (Chris Sullivan/Jack Fay/Lorraine Welch)
85 Broad Street, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10004

Mischler Financial Group, Inc. (Steve Neri)
1111 Bayside Drive, Suite 100
Corona del Mar, CA 92625

TCBI Securities Inc. (Benjamin Valkai, David DeBlase)
2000 McKinney Avenue, Suite 400
Dallas, TX 75201

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201.014 Authorized And Suitable Investments

(a) The investment of authority funds will be made using only those investment types approved by the board and which are in accordance with the PFIA. The approved investment types will be limited to the following:

- (1) U.S. Treasury and Federal Agency Issues as authorized under Section 2256.009 of the PFIA.
- (2) Certificates of Deposit as authorized under Section 2256.010 of the PFIA.
- (3) Repurchase Agreements, including flexible Repurchase Agreements, collateralized by U.S. Treasury or Federal Agency Securities whose market value is 102% of the authority's investment and are pledged and held with the authority's custodial bank or a third-party safekeeping agent approved by the authority. Repurchase agreements must also be secured in accordance with State law. Each counter party to a repurchase transaction is required to sign a copy of an Investment Repurchase Agreement under the guidelines of Section 2256.011 of the PFIA, using the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Master Repurchase Agreement as a general guide and with such changes thereto as are deemed in the best interest of the authority. Such an Agreement must be executed prior to entering into any transaction with a repo counter-party.
- (4) Guaranteed Investment Contracts (GIC's) collateralized by U.S. Treasury or Federal Agency Securities whose market value is 102% of the authority's investment and are pledged and held with the authority's custodial bank or a third-party safekeeping agent approved by the authority. Bond proceeds, other than bond proceeds representing reserves and funds maintained for debt service purposes, may not be invested for a term which exceeds five years from the date of bond issuance.
- (5) Obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any State having been rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm and having received a rating of not less than "AA" or its equivalent, with fixed interest rates and fixed maturities.
- (6) SEC registered no-load money market mutual funds with a dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of 60 days or less; that fully invest dollar for dollar all authority funds without sales

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commissions or loads; and whose investment objectives include the maintenance of a stable net asset value of \$1 per share

- (7) Local government investment pools, which are “AAA” rated by a nationally recognized bond rating company (e.g., Moody’s, S&P, Fitch), and which participation in any particular investment pool(s) has been authorized by resolution of the board, not to exceed 80% of the total investment portfolio less bond funds. Bond funds may be invested at 100%.
 - (b) The authority is prohibited from purchasing any security that is not authorized by Texas law, or any direct investment in asset-backed or mortgage-backed securities. The authority expressly prohibits the purchase of inverse floaters, interest-only (IO) and principal-only (PO) collateralized mortgage obligations (CMO’s).
 - (c) An Investment that requires a minimum rating does not qualify as an authorized investment during the period the investment does not have the minimum rating. The Investment Officers shall monitor the credit rating on all authorized investments in the portfolio based upon independent information from a nationally recognized rating agency. The authority shall take all prudent measures that are consistent with its Investment Policy and Strategy to liquidate an investment that does not have the minimum rating.