

State of Maine Treasurer's Statement

The State of Maine borrows money by issuing bonds. General Obligation bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the State and must be submitted statewide to the voters for approval.

Once approved, the Treasurer issues bonds as needed to fund the approved bond projects and uses a rapid 10-year repayment of principal strategy to retire the debt.

If the bond proposals on the ballot in November 2015 are approved by the voters, general obligation debt service as a percentage of the State's General Fund, Highway Fund and Revenue Sharing appropriations is expected to be 2.69% in FY16 and 2.96% in FY17.

The following is a summary of general obligation bond debt of the State of Maine as of **September 30, 2015**.

Bonds Outstanding (Issued and Maturing through 2025):

	Principal	Interest	Total
Highway Fund	\$76,920,000	\$8,962,575	\$85,882,575
General Fund	\$343,880,000	\$64,876,956	\$408,756,956
Total	\$420,800,000	\$73,839,531	\$494,639,531

Unissued Bonds Authorized by Voters: \$ 61,938,933

Unissued Bonds Authorized by the Constitution and Laws: \$ 99,000,000

Total Authorized but Unissued Bonds: \$ 160,938,933

The total amount that must be paid in the present fiscal year for bonded debt already outstanding (for FY2016): \$ 93,130,237

If the bonds submitted here are approved by voters and issued for the full statutory period authorized, an estimate of the total interest and principal that may reasonably be expected to be paid is **\$127,500,000**, representing **\$100,000,000** in principal and **\$27,500,000** in interest.



Terry Hayes, Treasurer of State