

# 91 Express Debt Restructure



**Board of Directors' Meeting October 10, 2008** 

#### **Background**

- Issued \$195.265 million Ambac-insured bonds in November 2003
  - \$95.265 million in fixed rate bonds
  - \$100 million in variable rate demand bonds
- Variable rate bonds swapped to synthetic fixed rate of 4.06% with two counterparties
- Standby Bond Purchase Agreement provided by JP Morgan and Dexia Credit Local
  - Expires on November 12, 2008

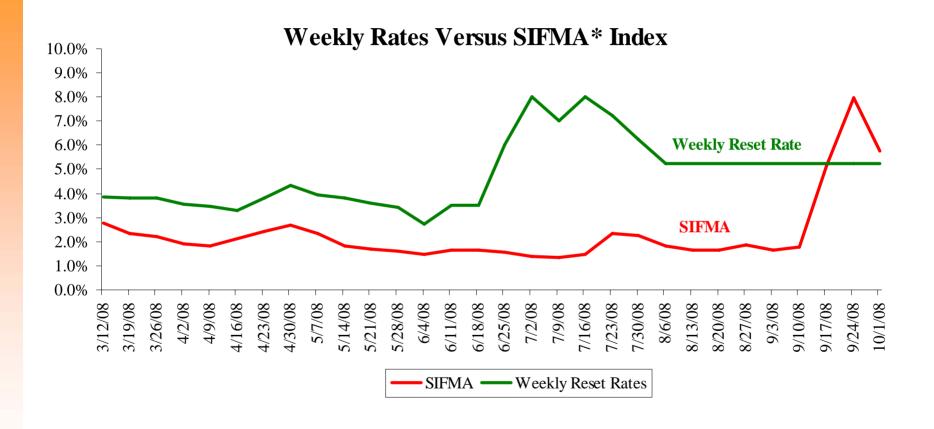


#### Financial Markets in 2008

- January: Fitch downgrades Ambac
- March: Bear Stearns acquired by JP Morgan
- June: Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors
  Service downgrades Ambac
- September:
  - Lehman Brothers files for bankruptcy
  - Credit markets tighten
  - Municipal borrowing rates increase



# Recent 91 Express Lanes Pricing





# Restructuring Recommendation

- Private placement with Orange County Investment Pool
- Advantages
  - Fixed rate
  - Two-year transaction
  - Lower cost of issuance expenditures
- Disadvantages
  - Requires self-liquidity
  - Continuing swap counterparty risk
  - Requires take-out financing within two years



# **Next Steps**

- Draft financing documents and liquidity agreement
- Solicit ratings
- Temporarily invest OCTA investment portfolio in 91 Express Lanes variable rate bonds
- Return to Board of Directors for final approval of financing documents

