

June 9, 2017

Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government
North Carolina General Assembly
Legislative Building
16 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
Attention: Committee Chairs and Committee Assistant

Fiscal Research Division North Carolina General Assembly Legislative Office Building 300 North Salisbury Street, Suite 619 Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5925

Re: Financing of Transportation Bonds by the City of Raleigh, North Carolina

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 120-157.2(a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, the City of Raleigh, North Carolina (the "City") hereby notifies you of its intent to issue general obligation bonds pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, Article 4 of Chapter 159 of the General Statute of North Carolina, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed of \$206,700,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for various transportation related improvements inside and outside the corporate limits of said City, including, without limitation, street, sidewalk and streetscape improvements, bridges, bicycle lanes, curbs and drains, traffic controls, greenways, bus and train station and shelter improvements, and the acquisition of any related land, rights of way and equipment. The issuance of bonds would be subject to voter approval at a bond referendum presently anticipated to be held on October 10, 2017. Subject to voter approval, the bonds would be secured by the full faith and credit and taxing power of the City, without limitation as to rate or amount, and the City would expect to pay the debt service on the bonds from general fund revenues of the City.

Subject to voter approval, the bonds are expected to be sold by the North Carolina Local Government Commission by competitive sale pursuant to a public offering of the bonds. It is not certain at this time when the bonds will be sold or if they will all be sold at one time. Pursuant to state statute, the City will have up to seven years to issue all of the bonds. If the bonds are competitively sold, the interest rate on the bonds will be the lowest true interest rate bid for the bonds at the time the bonds are sold.

CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Chief Financial Office

cc: Local Government Commission