



June 23, 2022

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  
Suite 619  
300 North Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5925

Re: Financing of Transportation Bonds by the City of Gastonia, 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 Gastonia, 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 Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed of \$75,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to construct, extend, widen, resurface and improve streets, highways and pedestrian walkways inside and outside the corporate limits of the City, including, without limitation, streetscape, traffic signal, lighting and utility improvements, bridges and overpasses, curbs, gutters and parking areas, 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 to be held on November 8, 2022. 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.

It is expected that the bonds, when issued, would have a term of approximately 20 years and would be amortized on a level principal basis. 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 GASTONIA, NORTH  
CAROLINA

By: *Crystal Certain*  
Director of Financial Services

cc: Local Government Commission