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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 Various Capital Improvements for Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority


Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 120-157.2(a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority (the "Authority") hereby notifies you of its intent to issue revenue bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to The State and Local Government Revenue Bond Act, Article 5 of Chapter 159 of the General Statute of North Carolina, as amended, to (a) finance the cost of various improvements at the Asheville Regional Airport (the "Airport"), including, but not limited to, (i) the expansion and modernization of its existing terminal, (ii) expansion and modernization of lobby, TSA screening, baggage claim and concessions areas, (iii) improvements to existing supporting infrastructure, (iv) construction of a centralized energy plant, (v) renovation of the remaining portion of the existing terminal building, and (vi) construction of a new air traffic control tower (the "Project"); (b) fund the interest accruing on the Bonds during construction of the Project; (c) fund a debt service reserve fund or purchase a debt service reserve fund policy for the Bonds; and (d) pay certain other fees and expenses associated with the issuance of such revenue bonds including, without limitation, a bond insurance premium. At present, the Authority anticipates that the Bonds will be issued in an amount of approximately \$175,000,000. The Authority has heretofore issued its Airport System Revenue Bonds (AMT), Series 2022A on June 1, 2022 to finance the costs of the initial phases of the Project.

The Authority's obligations with respect to the Bonds will be issued pursuant to an Amended and Restated General Trust Indenture dated as of June 1, 2022 (the "Indenture"), between the Authority and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"). The Bonds will be special obligations of the Authority, secured by and payable from the Net Revenues of the Airport System (as defined in the Indenture), and, under certain circumstances, the proceeds of the Bonds, investment earnings and certain net insurance and other proceeds.

The Authority anticipates that the North Carolina Local Government Commission will consider approval of the issuance and sale of the Bonds at its meeting scheduled for April 4, 2023, or at a subsequent meeting of the Local Government Commission. Such Bonds are expected to close by May 31, 2023.

GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT
AUTHORITY

By: 

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President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Local Government Commission