

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 electors for ratification.

Upon ratification, the Treasurer borrows money as needed to fund the approved bond projects and uses a rapid 10-year retirement of principal approach to retiring the debt.

If these bond proposals are ratified, General Obligation debt service as a percentage of the State's General Fund, Highway Fund and Revenue Sharing appropriations is expected to be 2.71% in FY15 and 2.88% in FY16.

The following is a summary of general obligation bond debt of the State of Maine as of **September 30, 2014**.

Bonds Outstanding (Issued and Maturing through 2024):

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Highway Fund	\$92,195,000	\$12,877,229	\$105,072,229
General Fund	\$291,685,000	\$52,875,607	\$344,560,607
Total	\$383,880,000	\$65,752,836	\$449,632,836

Unissued Bonds Authorized by Voters: **\$ 126,957,809**

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

Total Authorized but Unissued Bonds: **\$ 225,957,809**

The total amount that must be paid in the present fiscal year for bonded debt already outstanding (for FY2015): **\$ 96,533,819**

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 **\$61,000,000**, representing **\$50,000,000** in principal and **\$11,000,000** in interest.



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