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# Annual Treasury and Investment Portfolio Update for 2008

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## **BACKGROUND**

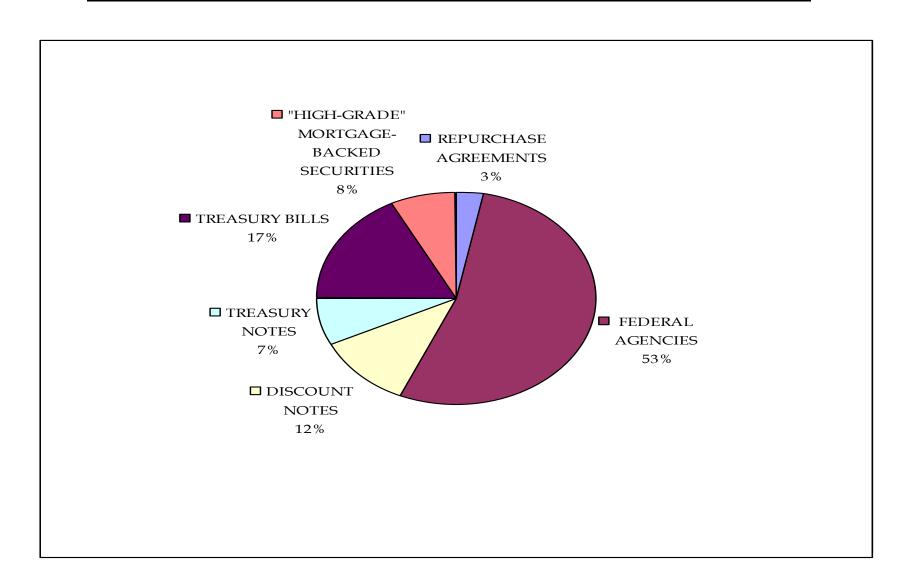
- 12/11/2001 Resolution No. 3476 authorized the Port to become its own Treasurer
- 6/11/2002 Resolution No. 3487 adopted Port Investment Policy
- 6/25/2002 Through a Competitive Process, Selected Bank of America as the Port's Bank (On-line banking)
- 7/31/2002 Port Started Operating its Own Treasury
- 12/12/2006 Adopted Resolution No. 3569 Revising Port Investment Policy
- 10/23/2007 Adopted Resolution No. 3589 Amending Section 10 ("Diversification") of the Policy

#### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

- 2.0 Target Duration Plus or Minus 50 Basis Points
   Do not forecast rates; balance RETURN and RISK over cycles
  - This strategy outperforms the market when rates are falling and underperforms when rates are rising

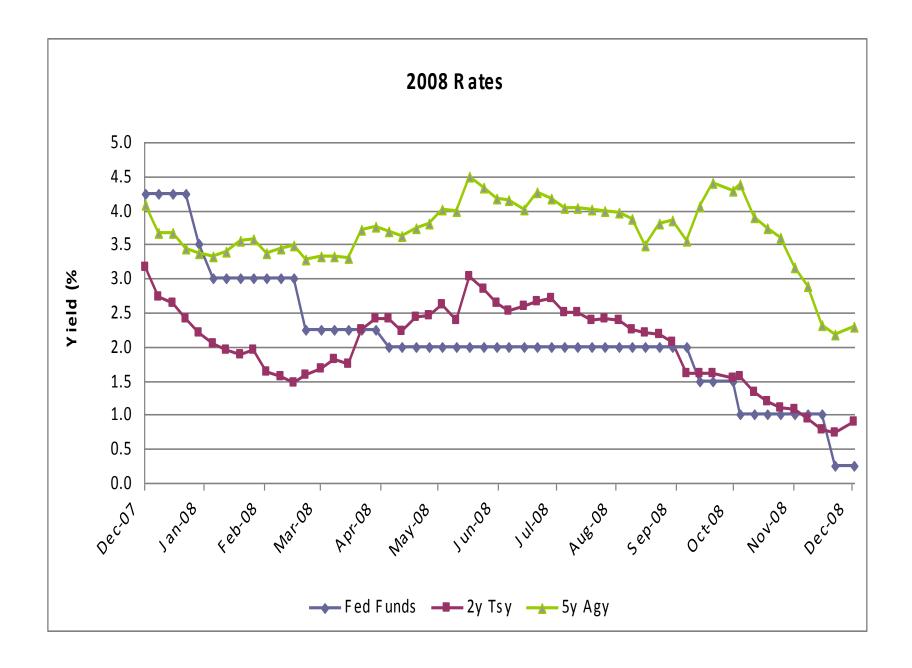
Benchmark – Merrill Lynch Treasury/Agency 3
 Year Index

### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION



### INTEREST RATE TRENDS

- For 2008, Short and Medium Term Rates Fell and Continue to Fall.
- The Federal Reserve Lowered Short Term Rates in Quarter 1, 2008 and Continued Lowering 7 Times throughout 2008 (4.25% 0.25%)
- Staff Monitors Market Conditions; but Does Not Time the Market.
- Short Term Rates Are Expected to Stay at their present low levels and Medium Term Rates will continue Falling for 2009.





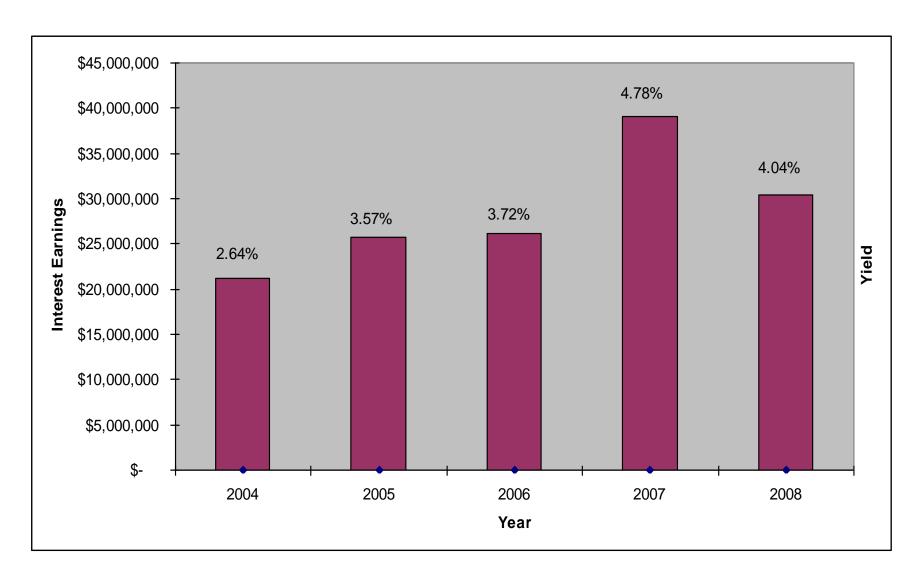
## Actions Taken In Light of Current Financial Environment

- Enhanced Commercial Paper Monitoring until Maturity in Early 2008
- Did not Invest in any New Commercial
   Paper from Early 2008 Maturities to Date
- Re-bid an Investment Agreement to make Allowable Securities More Conservative

## **2008 YIELD COMPARISON**

	Benchmark	Port's Pool
Q1-2008	1.92%	4.69%
Q2-2008	2.79%	4.01%
Q3-2008	2.42%	3.93%
Q4-2008	0.91%	3.51%
ANNUAL	2.01%	4.04%

#### **PORTFOLIO YIELD 2004 – 2008**



## **YIELD DATA**

• Year	Benchmark	Port's Pool
• 2002	2.50%	4.45%
• 2003	1.58%	4.08%
• 2004	2.50%	2.64%
• 2005	4.06%	3.57%
• 2006	5.00%	3.72%
• 2007	4.33%	4.78%
• 2008	2.01%	4.04%
Seven Years	3.13%	3.90%

## Port's Investment Portfolio Size Fluctuates

- Port's investment portfolio 12/31/2008 was \$692 Million
- Over the past 5 years, the size has ranged from \$619 million to \$926 million
- Size fluctuations are mostly tied to capital spending:
  - Capital projects reduce the portfolio size
  - Bond issues to fund projects increase the portfolio

#### PORTFOLIO VALUE 2004 - 2008

