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# Annual Treasury and Investment Portfolio Update for 2009 

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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
* Rebid and Awarded New Banking Contract with Bank of America as of 8/1/2009


## 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 - Bank of America Merrill Lynch Treasury/Agency 3 Year Index


## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

12/31/2009


## INTEREST RATE TRENDS

- For 2009, Short and Medium Term Rates Stayed Within a Narrow Trading Range for the Year.
- The Federal Reserve Left Short Term Rates Constant Throughout 2009 [0.25\%]
- Staff Monitors Market Conditions; but Does Not Time the Market.
- Short and Medium Term Rates Are Expected to Stay Within a Narrow Trading Range from their Current Levels for Most of 2010.




## Actions Taken In Light of 2009 Financial Environment

- Did not Invest in any New Commercial Paper
- Amended our Securities Lending Contract Limiting the Trustee's Reinvestment Activities to Treasuries and Agencies


## 2009 YIELD COMPARISON

Benchmark<br>Q1-2009<br>Q2-2009<br>Q3-2009<br>Q4-2009<br>ANNUAL<br>1.05\%<br>1.18\%<br>1.02\%<br>1.21\%<br>1.12\%<br>2.76\%

## PORTFOLIO YIELD 2005-2009



## YIELD HISTORY

- Year
- 2002-2006
- 2007
- 2008
- 2009

Benchmark
3.13\%
4.33\%
2.01\%
1.12\%

Port's Pool
3.69\%
4.78\%
4.04\%
2.76\%

## YIELD HISTORY



## Port's Investment Portfolio Size Fluctuates

- Port's investment portfolio $12 / 31 / 2009$ was \$894 Million
- Over the past 5 years, the size has ranged from $\$ 615$ million to $\$ 995$ 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 2005-2009



