

Fund Performance Report

General Fund

For Quarter Ending June 30, 2019

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Economic Update

Assuming that the next release of economic data shows continued GDP growth for the third quarter of 2019, the U.S. will break the record for the longest economic expansion following a major contraction in its history. Looking ahead, the economy is expected to expand moderately in 2019 with low inflation, low unemployment and increasing wages driving consumer spending. Some economists warn that certain indicators are hinting at a coming recession. Internationally, foreign economic conditions are diminishing, with growth slowing in Europe in the midst of geopolitical challenges and China as they feel the impact of the ongoing trade war with the United States.

Local economists expect the Colorado economy to continue to grow in 2019, but at a slower pace than in recent months and years. Monthly economic indicator data suggest slowing growth which is indicative of a mature economy. On a positive note, the tight labor market is pushing up wages which keeps consumer spending at a healthy level. The area's low unemployment rate could pose a risk to future economic growth as the ability for businesses to attract and retain a skilled workforce becomes more of a challenge.

Local outlook surveys indicate the state business sentiment is for continued growth. According to a report published by Manpower, Inc., 29% of Denver-area companies plan to hire during the third quarter of 2019, which is down from 35% over the second quarter and the same pace as the third quarter of 2018. By contrast, the outlook back in 2009 was 11% as the nation came out of the Great Recession.

The Leeds Business Confidence Index, a local measure of business expectations, remains in positive territory for third quarter expectations overall with two of the six components, state and national economy, falling below neutral. Each component reports lower expectations for the third quarter compared to both the quarterly and annual data.

Average building permit activity for the second quarter has declined 7.0% compared to the second quarter of 2018 which included two months of relatively strong single-family permits. Year-to-date permits are down 38.0%. Most of the year-to-date loss is due to the unusually high number of multifamily dwellings permitted in the first quarter of 2018 that did not recur and a lower, yet consistent, level of new multi and single-family permits.

Local Economic Indicators

	2019 Qtr 2 Avg pared to Prior Year	2019 Qtr 2 YTD Avg Compared to Prior Year		
Den	ver-Aurora MSA	Unemployment	Rate	
	2.7% Down 0.3 percentage points	3.1% Up 0.1 percentage point		
(Consumer Confid Mountai	-	[)	
	138.7 + 7.3%	134.0 + 3.5%		
	AURORA BUILI # of New Dwellings and		js	
9	129 - 7.0%	143 - 38.0%		
	Metro Area	Home Sales		
	5,437 + 1.6%	4,529 + 1.2%		

	+ 1.0%	+ 1.29	0
	Local Outlo	ook Survey	S
Man	power, Inc. %	o Companie	es Hiring
	Q3 2019 29%	Q2 2019 35%	Q3 2018 29%
LEEDS	Business Con (values above 50		
P	Q3 2019 50.5	Q2 2019 52.7	Q3 2018 59.6

Revenues (General Fund Sources of Funds)

General Fund revenue collections through the first half of 2019 are higher than the budget plan by \$8.6 million, or 5.0 percent. Consumer spending generates 50 percent of the favorable budget variance while nearly 20 percent is the result of strong development activity in Aurora. The majority of the development related revenue will be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund as its main source of funding. After accounting for the capital transfer, the resulting General Fund operating revenue is \$7.4 million, or 4.7 percent higher than budget.

Sales tax collections are a significant driver behind the revenue performance-to-date with collections coming in ahead of budget by \$2.9 million, equating to a 7.2 percent year-to-date increase over 2019. A look at 2019 collections by industry category compared to last year shows that amongst the top taxpayers the increase in the 'Eating and Drinking Places' category is the main factor. Aurora's focus on attracting highquality and diverse restaurants has likely played a role in growth. Declining sales in select categories are the result of struggling or closed stores. Sales tax revenue has also benefitted from HB 19-1240, which required out-of-state retailers to begin collecting sales taxes based on the location of the buyer, whether or not the retailer has a physical presence in Colorado. This is likely a contributor to the performance-to-date shown in the monthly sales tax chart below, particularly April's 10 percent increase which includes the first quarterly payments this year

Collections of auto use tax over the first half of the year have been unexpectedly strong posting a year-over-year increase of 8.3 percent. In accordance with national projections, a decline was expected in 2019 after growth in 2018 had slowed to 2.2 percent. City staff, along with industry experts, are anticipating a decline in this revenue source due to market saturation and affordability issues, although locally, this has yet to occur.

Audit revenue ended the second quarter \$1.8 million above the year-to-date budget. The Audit team is fully staffed and has gained experience over the last couple years which has increased annual proceeds albeit, the year-to-date performance is primarily due to the conclusion of a large, multi-year audit in March.

External charges collections are behind budget due to a timing issue with the monthly ambulance service payments. The net of all other revenue sources is tracking ahead of budget.

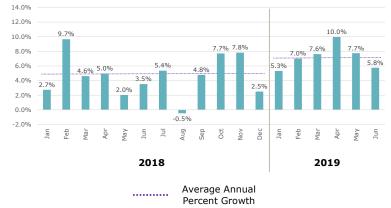
2019 Revenue Budget Performance by Type

Revenue Category (\$ in thousands)	2019 YTD Actuals		(Under)/ 19 Budget	
(\$ in chousands)	Actuals	\$	%	
General Sales Tax	\$98,795	\$2,894	3.0%	
Capital Related Use Tax	12,375	1,066	9.4%	
Auto Use Tax	10,720	1,252	13.2%	
Audit Revenue	3,620	1,841	103.5%	
External Charges	2,816	(284)	(9.2%)	
Miscellaneous Income	882	287	48.3%	
General Fund Permits	853	425	99.3%	
All Other Revenue	52,797	1,164	2.3%	
Total Revenue	\$182,857	\$8,645	5.0%	
Less Capital Transfer	18,046	1,287	7.7%	
Operating Revenue	\$164,811	\$7,358	4.7%	

Top Taxpayers by Industry Category

Industry Category	YTD June		\$	%
(\$ in thousands)	2019	2018	Variance	Change
Eating & Drinking Places	15,202.7	\$13,874.3	\$1,328.4	9.6%
Discount Stores	11,080.9	10,906.6	174.3	1.6%
Building Materials	8,265.1	7,597.5	667.6	8.8%
Utilities	5,997.1	5,498.4	498.7	9.1%
Telecommunication/Cellular	5,718.0	5,282.6	435.4	8.2%
Auto Dealers and Parts	5,259.2	4,701.1	558.1	11.9%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories	2,809.1	2,736.9	72.2	2.6%
Electronics/Computers	2,715.4	2,487.3	228.2	9.2%
Grocery Stores	2,668.8	2,587.7	81.1	3.1%
Beer, Wine, and Liquor Stores	2,194.4	2,409.7	(215.4)	(8.9%)
Department Stores	2,117.4	2,497.7	(380.3)	(15.2%)
Online Sales	2,007.1	1,670.0	337.0	20.2%
Furniture and Home Furnishings	1,164.6	1,135.4	29.2	2.6%
Sport Goods, Hobby, Books, Music	1,007.9	1,289.9	(282.0)	(21.9%)
Other Top Taxpayers	5,701.8	5,175.4	526.4	10.2%
Total Top Taxpayers	\$73,909.5	\$69,850.6	\$4,058.9	5.8%
Total of All Other Taxpayers	28,792.7	24,528.4	4,264.2	17.4%
Sales Tax Incentives	3,906.7	2,195.1	1,711.6	78.0%
Total Reported Sales Tax	\$98,795.5	\$92,184.0	\$6,611.5	7.2%

Sales Tax
% Change from Same Month in Prior Year



Expenditures (General Fund Uses of Funds)

Total General Fund operating expenditures through June 2019 are \$2.0 million (1.4 percent) lower than budget and associated primarily with savings in the personal services category, as shown on the 2019 Expenditure Budget Performance chart. Higher than expected construction-related revenues have increased the transfer out to the Capital Projects Fund, resulting in General Fund uses that are \$715,300 under budget.

Personal services expenditures are \$1.7 million (1.6 percent) under the year-to-date budget plan. The city's budget assumes a certain level of position vacancies. During good economic times with low unemployment rates, increased turnover often leads to higher than budgeted savings in employee salaries and benefits. The 2019 Personnel Expenditures chart shows year-to-date salaries and benefits savings are partially offset by overages in special pay, Police and Fire overtime, and temporary compensation. Increases in special pay are largely related to leave payouts and acting pay in the Fire, Police, and Public Works departments. Temporary compensation overages are primarily associated with several significant snow events in the first part of the year and increased background investigation costs due to the increased number and size of Police and Fire academies.

Utilities expenditures account for \$929,500 of the year-to-date budget savings. In addition to water conservation and waste reduction efforts in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department, the Denver Metro area has also experienced a colder and wetter than usual first half of the year. These factors have resulted in a reduction in the need for irrigation and significant savings in the water/sewer expenditure category to date. Street light operations and non-routine maintenance expenditures have also remained below budget by a combined \$427,700.

Savings have been partially offset by overages in all other expenditure classes. The need for additional fleet preventative maintenance and more costly repairs outside of warranty in the Fire Department have pushed interfund charges \$244,800 over budget. The \$147,800 overage in the professional and technical services class is largely associated with the selection of a new healthcare contractor in the Court Administration Department, enhancing the level of care for detainees.

All other operating expenditures are under the year-to-date budget by \$74,800. See page 6 for detail expenditure performance by category.

2019 Expenditure Budget Performance

Expenditure Category	2019 YTD Budget	Actuals Under/ (Over) Budget		
(\$ in thousands)	Daaget	\$	%	
Personal Services	\$108,475.5	\$1,702.0	1.6%	
Temp Compensation	1,214.0	(162.0)	(13.3%)	
Professional/Technical	6,616.2	(147.8)	(2.2%)	
Operating Supplies	10,752.4	(62.3)	(0.6%)	
Utilities	4,425.6	929.5	21.0%	
Fleet/Risk Interfund	8,135.3	(244.8)	(3.0%)	
Debt/Equip Purchases	3,190.7	(12.5)	(0.4%)	
Total Operating Exp.	\$142,809.7	\$2,002.1	1.4%	
Capital Rev Transfer	16,759.5	(1,286.8)	(7.7%)	
Other Transfers Out	4,067.9	0.0	0.0%	
Total Uses of Funds	\$163,637.0	\$715.3	0.4%	

2019 Personnel Expenditures

Personnel Category (\$ in thousands)	YTD Jun Budget YTD Jun Actuals		Actuals Under/(Over) Budget
Regular Employee Salary & Benefits	\$105,399.8	\$101,739.2	\$3,660.7
Special Pay	937.3	2,203.6	(1,266.3)
Overtime Compensation	2,138.4	2,830.7	(692.4)
Temporary Compensation	1,214.0	1,376.1	(162.0)
Total Salary & Other Compensation	\$109,689.5	\$108,149.5	\$1,540.0
General Fund \	/acancies	Q1	Q2
Total Career Service	е	81.0	96.0

2019 Citywide Utilities

Utility (\$ in thousands)	YTD Jun Budget	YTD Jun Actuals	Actuals Under/(Over) Projection
Electricity	\$862.7	\$775.1	\$87.6
Natural Gas	201.9	208.5	(6.7)
Non-Routine Maint	487.2	293.8	193.3
Street Lights-XCEL	1,951.9	1,717.5	234.4
Traffic Lights,Signs	122.7	52.1	70.6
Water/Sewer	765.2	448.9	316.2
Other Utilities	34.1	0.0	34.1
Total Jun YTD	\$4,425.6	\$3,496.0	\$929.5

General Fund | Fund Summary

The General Fund is the operating fund for the City of Aurora. It accounts for receipts, appropriations, and expenditures unless separate fund reporting is required. For an overview of

the General Fund budget, including a breakdown of uses and departments, see page 8.

Revenues	2019	YTD Actual							
(Sources of Funds)	Budget	thru June 2019	2018	2019 Budget	% Chg vs 2018	% Chg vs Budget	2019 Actual	2018	2019 Budget
Sales Tax - General	\$194,392,489	\$98,795,476	\$6,611,523	\$2,894,329	7.2%	3.0%	15,678,576	853,685	255,891
Use Tax - Capital Related	22,805,340	12,374,998	(333,125)	1,065,774	(2.6%)	9.4%	2,330,467	385,322	762,812
Use Tax - Automobile	19,672,218	10,719,766	822,235	1,251,929	8.3%	13.2%	2,093,791	303,638	442,048
Property Tax	36,826,663	25,305,653	(530,093)	0	(2.1%)	0.0%	3,551,816	(769,793)	0
Franchise Fees & Taxes	15,115,321	5,545,330	243,059	70,993	4.6%	1.3%	814,656	111,214	6,201
Highway User's Fees & Taxes	12,369,477	5,201,591	391,494	278,393	8.1%	5.7%	1,019,270	42,559	37,012
Other Auto Related (SOT, MV Fees)	4,060,290	1,694,001	32,594	40,873	2.0%	2.5%	342,363	(1,735)	5,673
Audit Revenue	3,557,000	3,619,678	125,820	1,841,176	3.6%	103.5%	623,640	299,616	327,223
Other Taxes	13,485,654	6,060,883	511,160	417,971	9.2%	7.4%	1,160,144	156,723	118,748
Other Intergovernmental Fees & Taxes	2,969,694	1,229,211	266,467	126,077	27.7%	11.4%	61,830	(75,658)	(13,544)
Business Licenses & Other Permits	2,962,192	1,611,080	308,205	392,828	23.7%	32.2%	331,343	44,720	50,340
Fines & Forfeitures	4,925,981	2,364,830	(287,631)	(44,987)	(10.8%)	(1.9%)	364,853	(97,449)	(51,226)
Internal Charges for Services	7,567,293	3,780,676	144,762	117,550	4.0%	3.2%	620,050	(4,964)	9,529
External Charges for Services	6,114,181	2,815,689	(556,624)	(284,319)	(16.5%)	(9.2%)	725,012	50,686	72,753
Other General Fund Revenue	3,074,564	1,738,532	525,917	476,404	43.4%	37.7%	340,522	190,537	114,227
Total General Fund Revenue	\$349,898,357	\$182,857,394	\$8,275,762	\$8,644,991	4.7%	5.0%	30,058,332	1,489,101	\$2,137,687
Transfers In from Other Funds	2,156,909	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Total Sources of Funds	\$352,055,266	\$182,857,394	\$ 8,275,762	\$8,644,991	4.7%	5.0%	\$30,058,332	\$ 1,489,101	\$2,137,687
General Fund Operating Revenue ¹	\$318,319,285	\$164,811,083	\$ 8,263,083	\$7,358,156	5.3%	4.7%		_	

Expenditures	2019	YTD Actual	20	019 Year-to-Date Uses Under/(Over)			
(Uses of Funds)	Budget	thru June 2019	2018	2019 Budget	% Chg vs 2018	% Chg vs Budget	
Personal Services	230,025,319	\$106,773,451	(\$5,717,232)	\$1,702,035	(5.7%)	1.6%	
Temporary Compensation	2,581,827	1,376,053	31,399	(162,009)	2.2%	(13.3%)	
Professional & Technical Services	17,544,846	6,763,969	283,362	(147,792)	4.0%	(2.2%)	
Operating Supplies/Other	20,953,938	10,814,718	(1,685,618)	(62,288)	(18.5%)	(0.6%)	
Utilities	12,045,026	3,496,046	710,001	929,541	16.9%	21.0%	
Interfund Charges	16,081,166	8,380,073	(652,585)	(244,817)	(8.4%)	(3.0%)	
Capital Purchases (Equip, Vehicles, Other)	9,195,124	3,203,238	(1,470,916)	(12,546)	(84.9%)	(0.4%)	
General Fund Operating Expenditures	\$308,427,246	\$140,807,548	(\$8,501,589)	\$2,002,125	(6.4%)	1.4%	
Capital Related Revenue Transfer Out ²	33,735,981	18,046,311	(12,679)	(1,286,834)	(0.1%)	(7.7%)	
All Other Transfers Out to Other Funds	25,698,369	4,067,882	(24,963)	0	(0.6%)	0.0%	
Total Uses of Funds	\$367,861,596	\$162,921,741	(\$8,539,232)	\$715,291	(5.5%)	0.4%	

Less Carryforward Budget (4,001,554)

Increase/(Use) of Available Funds³ (\$11,804,776)

See page 9 for glossary and detailed data description for each column.

- 1. Operating revenue excludes transfers into the General Fund from other funds and accounts for the transfer out of construction related use tax to the Capital Projects Fund (CPF).
- 2. The transfer to the CPF is calculated in December and transferred out of the General Fund. For the purposes of this report, an effective transfer using current revenue collections has been calculated and included as an actual.
- 3. The 2019 Adopted Budget includes the planned use of \$10.6 million in funds available primarily associated with one-time expenditures on new equipment, including

two fire apparatus, new street maintenance equipment related to the northeast area of the city and new library equipment. In the 2018 Spring Supplemental process, an additional \$1.2 million was added with no offsetting revenue, bringing the total planned use of funds available up to \$11.8 million. Supplemental appropriation of \$454,200 is associated with the elimination of the photo red light program and the related movement of 4.0 civil FTEs from the Designated Revenue Fund to the General Fund.



Appendices



General Fund Overview

Fund Description

The General Fund is the operating fund for the City of Aurora. It accounts for receipts, appropriations, and expenditures unless separate fund reporting is required.

Sources of Funds

Sources of funds include nearly all taxes and other resources traditionally associated with City operations. Revenues and expenditures from the 0.25% voter-approved sales tax for the police officer staffing mandate are included in this fund. Other sources include transfers in from other funds.

Retail sales remain the backbone of Aurora's General Fund, accounting for 55.0% of total revenue. Use tax is a companion tax to sales tax and is associated with purchases of commodities and equipment. Two-thirds of all General Fund revenue is dependent on purchases when use tax revenues (e.g. building materials use tax, automobile use tax, and equipment use tax) are included.

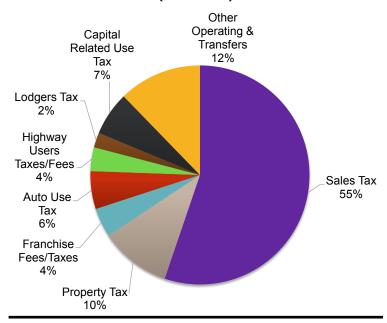
Uses of Funds

Uses of funds mainly result from expenditures incurred by the departments included in the General Fund. The majority of general services, programs and activities for the citizens of Aurora are supported by this fund, as well as the City Council and the internal administrative management functions. Other uses include transfers out to other funds, such as the transfer to the Capital Projects Fund.

Public safety functions, including Fire, Dispatch, Police, and Court Administration account for 56.0% of total General Fund appropriations in 2019.

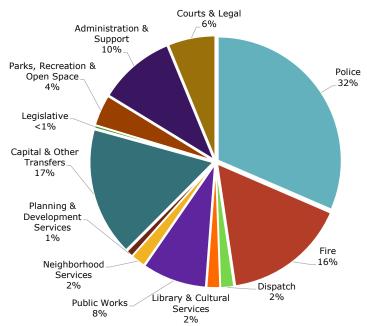
2019 General Fund Revenue

(Sources)



2019 General Fund Appropriations

(Uses)



General Fund Departments

- City Attorney
- Civil Service Commission
- Court Administration
- Finance
- Fire

- General Management
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Judicial
- Library & Cultural Services
- Mayor & City Council
- Neighborhood Services
- Non-Departmental (snow removal, transfers, contingencies)
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space
- Planning & Development Services
- Police (including Dispatch)
- Public Defender
- Public Works

Glossary

Accrual Basis: Transactions are recorded as they occur, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Actuals: Transactions recorded in the accounting system on a cash basis. Certain revenue sources are recorded on the accrual basis instead of the cash basis. Accrual basis revenue sources will show zero collections for January, and in some cases February, and two or three months of receipts recorded in December.

Budget/Working Budget: This is the sum of the Adopted Budget plus supplemental appropriations and carry forwards of encumbrance balances from the prior year. In the case of capital budgets, the working budget includes all unspent balances of funds appropriated for the life of the project.

Cash Basis: Transactions are recorded in accordance with cash flow regardless of economic transaction timing.

Encumbrances: The legal commitment of appropriated funds to purchase an item or service in the future. An encumbrance is recorded when a purchase order is recorded. The encumbrance is reduced as cash payments are made against the purchase order. If there is an encumbered balance at the end of any given year, the balance will carryforward and be added to the next year's working budget to cover the cash outlay in that year.

Spending Plan/Budget Plan/Revenue Plan: For current month and year-to-date comparison purposes, the 2017 budget and revenue assumptions have been projected monthly, or calendarized. Various methods were used in the process including: historical seasonality, known payment schedules, payroll and benefit calendars, and the straight line basis (1/12th per month).

Variance: Used to describe the difference or resulting percentage change in comparative data. Bracketed variances indicate an unfavorable result.

Column Descriptions

Sources of Funds: All revenue received from external/internal sources and interfund transfers into the fund.

Uses of Funds: All departmental expenditures incurred and interfund transfers out of the fund.

2019 Budget: The 2019 Working Budget.

2019 Projection: A detailed cash basis estimate prepared mid-year for use in current year budget balancing and as the basis for the subsequent budget year estimates.

YTD Actual thru the Current Month: The year-to-date actual sources and uses of funds on a cash basis.

Year-to-Date / Current Month Variance:

- Over/(Under) Current year sources under the prior year or budgeted sources are unfavorable, indicated by brackets.
- Under/(Over) Current year uses over the prior year or budgeted uses are unfavorable, indicated by brackets.
- 2018 The \$ difference between 2019 year-to-date / current month actuals compared to the 2018 actuals for the same timeframe.
- Budget The \$ difference between the 2019 year-to-date / current month actuals through the current month compared to the 2018 year-to-date budget spending plan for the same timeframe.
- Percent Chg vs 2018 The percentage change between 2019 year-to-date actuals through the current month and the 2018 actuals through the same month.
- Percent Chg vs Budget The percentage change between the 2019 year-to-date actuals and the year-to-date budget spending plan.

Finance Department Indicators (for the month ending 6/30/19)

Accounts Payable

By making payments within the standard 30 days or less, the city can capture vendor discount terms, avoid penalties and interest charges and save taxpayer money. The majority of invoices have terms that range from 30 to 90 days. Once departmental processing is complete and any issues are resolved, Accounting Services then processes the payment within 5 working days.

Target: 30 Days for 85% of Vendor Payments



87% (Jun)

87% (YTD)



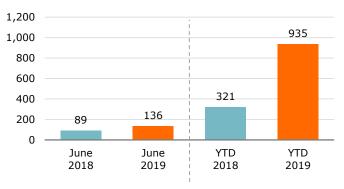
Business Licensing

The city continues to see record numbers of new business license applications. This is a result of both heavy proactive compliance efforts to license previously operating businesses, as well as the result of businesses licensing as a result of new rules from the Department of Revenue regarding out of state sales tax collection.

Delinquent Tax Collections

Tax collections are trending higher than recent averages in part due to large collections in April and May. Over the first six months, collections have gone from below-average to exceeding prior years as Revenue agents become fluent in the new software and begin catching up on delinquent accounts.

Business License Activity (Net)



Delinquent Tax Collections (\$ in Thou.)



Investments

The city takes advantage of opportunities for higher yields with investments in the Municipal, Corporate, and Government sectors. So far in 2019 the weighted average yield is 2.23%, which is up from 1.8% for 2018.

The portfolio balance has increased in both held positions and cash balances, primarily due to growth in sales and use tax revenue in the General Fund, as well as increased Water sales and development fees held in cash balances to fund future water capital projects.

June	2017	2018	2019
Cash & Investment Portfolio	\$460.5 M	\$514.1 M	\$585.9 M
Weighted avg. yield	Veighted avg. yield 1.36%		2.23%
Duration (months)	19.2	17.2	17.2

Financing Transactions Over Previous 12 Months

Pending transactions for 2019 include Aurora Municipal Center 2009A COPs refinancing (\$80 million), 2019 Heavy Fleet (\$3.4 million) and in 2020, Southeast Rec Center (\$30 million).

Purpose	Amount	Closed	Rate	Term (yrs.)	Lender/ Banker
Wastewater 2018B*	Up to \$28 M	12/18	Float	3/10.5	PNC
Wastewater 2018A	\$2.0 M	12/18	3.04%	10.5	PNC
Wastewater Inter- fund	\$16.0 M	12/18	2.50%	8	Water
PROS Internal Lease	\$0.07 M	9/18	2.50%	4.5	ACLC
Police Internal Lease	\$0.36 M	9/18	2.50%	6.5	ACLC
2018 Heavy Fleet	\$1.75 M	8/18	3.13%	6.7	Vectra
Hogan Parkway	\$19.0 M	7/18	3.10%	8.5	Vectra

^{*} Undrawn construction line of credit, floating rate 3yrs, fixed rate next 7.5 years



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