



## 2016 DEBT CAPACITY

### PURPOSE

To demonstrate The University of Arizona’s ability to finance additional capital investment through debt instruments and to fund the related debt service (principal and interest).

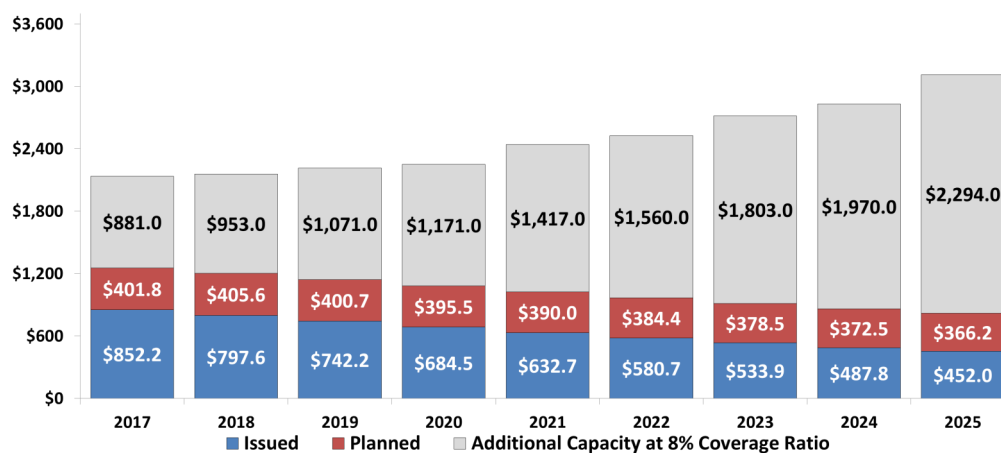
### PROJECTED DEBT CAPACITY

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| <i>Maximum Projected Debt Service to Total Expenditures Excluding/ Including SPEED debt</i> |
| 5.3% / 6.6%   |

This debt capacity includes debt issuances for the Health Sciences Innovation Building (HSIB), Phoenix Union High School (PUHS), and the North Alvernon Way Building projects which have received ABOR Project and Financing Approval. Additionally, the South Stadium Parking Garage has received Capital Development Plan (CDP) approval. With these three projects, the projected highest debt ratio is 5.3 percent in FY 2017, relative to the statutory debt limit of 8 percent. Outstanding debt in FY 2017 is projected to be \$1.55 billion, with total annual debt service of \$104.2 million. The 5.3 percent ratio is within the range used by bond rating firms to judge an institution’s creditworthiness to service debt and is below the 8 percent statutory limit.

The UA projects outstanding (issued) debt to decline from \$852.2 million in FY 2017 to \$452.0 million in FY 2025 as debt is retired. The planned debt includes financing of the HSIB, PUHS, North Alvernon Way Building projects, and South Stadium Parking Garage. Additional debt capacity represents debt that can be issued in any given year based on the statutory 8 percent debt ratio limit.

(Dollars in Millions)



### CREDIT RATINGS

UA’s current credit rating is Aa2 (Moody’s) and AA- (S&P)

Positive rating factors include the UA as the flagship and land-grant institution, as well as its important role in the provision of medical education for the State of Arizona. UA continues to see robust tuition revenue growth, sizable sponsored research funding with diverse sources, substantially improved philanthropic support and enhanced financial modeling and strategic planning.

Offsetting factors include thin reserves and liquidity relative to debt and operations, increased competition for research funding due to federal government budget reduction, and significant decrease in state support. Additionally, UA will have a near term presidential transition.

| Fiscal Year | Moody's |          | Standard & Poor's (S&P) |          |
|-------------|---------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
|             | Rating  | Outlook  | Rating                  | Outlook  |
| 2011        | Aa2     | Negative | AA                      | Stable   |
| 2012        | Aa2     | Negative | AA                      | Stable   |
| 2013        | Aa2     | Negative | AA                      | Negative |
| 2014        | Aa2     | Negative | AA-                     | Stable   |
| 2015        | Aa2     | Stable   | AA-                     | Stable   |
| 2016        | Aa2     | Stable   | AA-                     | Stable   |

