KBRA Affirms Ratings for Stadium Revenue Bonds of Metro Govt of Nashville and Davidson County Sports Authority

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KBRA affirms long-term ratings for the Sports Authority of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Stadium Project Senior Revenue Bonds at AA-, Stadium Project Subordinate Revenue Bonds at A+, and Stadium Project Third Lien Revenue Bonds and Fourth Lien Revenue Bonds (Federally Taxable) at AA. The Outlook for all Bonds is Stable.

Key Credit Considerations

The ratings were affirmed because of the following key credit considerations:

Credit Positives

- Enclosed stadium with modern amenities provides potential for significant revenue enhancement and sales tax collections, and opportunity for additional events not currently attracted to the existing stadium.
- Diverse and growing economic base with significant tourism/convention activity has fueled pronounced HOT increases and demand for more hotel accommodations.
- Authority contribution is capped, with no responsibility for construction cost overruns or maintenance of the completed facility; construction delays would have a very limited impact on pledged revenue generation.
- FY 2025 pledged revenues along with non-tax revenues, only available for third and fourth lien bonds, currently provide adequate coverage of MADS for all Bonds.

Credit Challenges

- The Bonds are secured by sources that are largely discretionary in nature and may be adversely affected by economic factors.
- Amount of non-tax revenue backstop available may be dependent upon general economic activity and is subject to availability.

Rating Sensitivities

For Upgrade

- Pledged revenue performance well in excess of current projections, resulting in substantially improved debt service coverage.

For Downgrade

- Material decline in pledged revenues or non-tax revenues resulting in meaningful decline in debt service coverage.

To access ratings and relevant documents, click here.

Methodologies

- Public Finance: U.S. Special Tax Revenue Bond Rating Methodology
- Public Finance: General Revenue Bond Methodology

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