

# Florida Municipal Investment Trust

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To: Participants in the Florida Municipal Investment Trust  
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Subject: GASB 40 Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, an amendment of GASB Statement No. 3* (GASB 40), must be implemented for all governments for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2004. This Statement addresses common deposit and investment risks related to credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk.

The Florida Municipal Investment Trust is a Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) and is considered an external investment pool for GASB reporting requirements. Your government owns shares in one or more of the FMIvT Portfolios. Your government's investment is the FMIvT portfolio, not the individual securities held within each portfolio.

The following information is provided to assist you in reporting the types of risks that must be disclosed for your shares in the FMIvT, pursuant to GASB 40 as of September 30, 2009. Please refer to GASB 40 for disclosure requirements in addition to those discussed in this memo.

## Credit Risk

Credit risk exists when there is a possibility the issuer or other counterparty to an investment may be unable to meet its obligations. GASB 40 requires disclosure of credit quality ratings for investments in debt securities as well as investments in external investment pools, money market funds, and other pooled investments of fixed-income securities.

Investments may be aggregated by rating categories within the disclosure. Ratings are set by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (Fitch, S&P). In cases where an investment is unrated, a disclosure noting that the investment is unrated is required.

## Credit Risk for FMIvT Funds

<u>Fixed Income Funds:</u>	<u>Fitch Rating</u>	<u>Standard &amp; Poor's Rating</u>
0-2 Year High Quality Bond Fund		AAAf/S1
1-3 Year High Quality Bond Fund	AAA/V2	
Intermediate High Quality Bond Fund	AAA/V3	
Broad Market High Quality Bond Fund	AA/V4	
Expanded High Yield Bond Fund	Not Rated	

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<u>Equity Funds:</u>	<u>Rating</u>
High Quality Growth Equity Portfolio	Not Rated
Diversified Value Portfolio	Not Rated
Russell 1000 Enhanced Index Portfolio	Not Rated
Diversified Small Cap Equity Portfolio	Not Rated
International Blend Portfolio	Not Rated

On April 1, 2009, the 'High Quality Government Fund' was restructured and renamed to the '0-2 Year High Quality Bond Fund' to better describe updated investment guidelines. As a result, on April 21, 2009 the fund's volatility rating was adjusted to 'S1' from 'S1+' based on the change of portfolio weighted average maturity guidelines from 90 days or less to a longer duration range of greater than 0.5 years, but less than 1.25 years. The 'S1' volatility rating signifies that the fund will now typically possess low sensitivity to changing market conditions, and a level of risk that is less than or equal to that of a portfolio comprised of the highest quality fixed-income instruments with an average maturity of six months to two years.

#### Custodial Credit Risk

GASB 40 modifies the existing GASB 3 custodial credit risk reporting requirements. Under GASB 3, governments had to categorize their investments into one of three custodial credit risk categories. This is no longer required. Under GASB 40, disclosure is only required if investments are uninsured, unregistered and held by either the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the government's name. (This was "Category 3" in GASB Statement 3.)

Participants' investments in the FMIvT are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized, because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.

#### Concentration Risk

In addition to describing the credit risk of investments in the portfolio, governmental entities will need to disclose the concentration of credit risk with a single issuer. If 5 or more percent of the total assets of the portfolio are invested with one issuer, a footnote disclosure will be required. Investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and investments in mutual funds, external investment pools and other pooled investments are excluded from the concentration of credit risk disclosure requirements.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk exists when there is a possibility that changes in interest rates could adversely affect an investment's fair value. GASB 40 requires that interest rate risk be disclosed using one of the five approved methods. The five methods are: Segmented time distribution, specific identification, weighted average maturity (WAM), duration, and simulation model. Different methods may be presented for different types of investments.

Interest rate risk disclosures are required for all debt investments as well as investments in mutual funds, external investment pools, and other pooled investments that do not meet the definition of a 2a7-like pool.

#### FMIvT Interest Rate Risk Information in Years

<u>Fixed Income Funds:</u>	<u>Effective Duration</u>	<u>WAM</u>
0-2 Year High Quality Bond Fund	0.57	0.85
1-3 Year High Quality Bond Fund	1.27	1.58
Intermediate High Quality Bond Fund	2.81	3.83
Broad Market High Quality Bond Fund	3.57	4.81
Expanded High Yield Bond Fund	3.77	5.61

Foreign Currency Risk

This category applies only if a government's deposits or investments are exposed to foreign currency risk. If subject to such exposure, the government should disclose the dollar balances subject to such risks, organized by currency denomination and investment type. Members' investments in the FMIvT are not subject to foreign currency risk.

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