

## **Taft Infrastructure Advisors**

At Taft, we work as one team, driven and committed to helping you succeed. Our team listens and understands that innovative, value-creating solutions help our clients reach their goals. Our collaborative approach, advanced technological resources and depth of services can transform what you expect from your team.

Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP traces its roots back to 1885 when Worthington & Strong was founded by Judge William Worthington and Edward W. Strong. John L. Stettinius and John B. Hollister joined the firm after its founding, at which point the firm became known as Worthington, Strong, Stettinius & Hollister. In January 1923, Judge Worthington passed away. In the following year, a young firm headed by Robert A. Taft (who later became a U.S. Senator) and Charles P. Taft II, sons of former President William Howard Taft, joined the older firm to become Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. Since then, Taft has expanded into various service lines including Taft Infrastructure Advisors and Taft Advisors, our governmental affairs consulting firm.

At Taft Infrastructure Advisors, we are more than just financial consultants — we are your dedicated partners in navigating the complex world of infrastructure development. With decades of experience across a vast array of sectors, we lead our clients through innovative infrastructure projects, from the inception of an idea to the completion of a transformative project. Whether it's social infrastructure, real estate and entertainment venues, bridges, roads, broadband, or any essential infrastructure that powers modern life, we equip project owners with the expertise, resources, and strategies they need to succeed.

What sets Taft apart is our multi-disciplinary approach to infrastructure advisory services. We go beyond traditional financial consulting to provide holistic, full-service solutions that span every aspect of project development, financing, and execution. We are not your typical financial advisors. Instead, we uncover new opportunities in the market, positioning our clients as key contenders for high-impact infrastructure projects.

Leveraging the resources of the Taft teams, we identify unique avenues for project development and growth, working across a diverse range of infrastructure sectors, from social and transit systems to fiber and broadband. Our team is at the forefront of market innovation, helping clients unlock potential in new markets while ensuring they are positioned to succeed in competitive project bidding and development.



Umer is a Principal at Taft Infrastructure Advisors and has more than 20 years of experience in infrastructure advisory, project finance, and public-private partnerships (P3s). He has advised on major infrastructure projects and executed transactions across a wide range of asset classes, including social infrastructure projects — schools, housing, and hospitals — and projects in the broader arena of economic and environmental infrastructure — water, energy, power, transit, airports, roads and ports. He has advised public sector clients on the development of large-scale infrastructure projects, working through the complete transaction lifecycle from project inception through funding arrangement and project management. Umer has advised and executed more than 45 infrastructure projects cumulatively valued above \$25 billion.

Previously, Umer was the practice leader for the Infrastructure Advisory and P3s team at BDO USA based in New York and advised both public and private sector clients on the successful development and execution of infrastructure projects.

Umer has led various deals that have been recognized and awarded by the industry. He has also spoken at various conferences and promoted private sector involvement in the public infrastructure space.

#### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- INDOT & CONEXUS, 2024 – Present
- New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, 2022-2024
- New River Crossing – Ft Lauderdale, Broward County, 2023-Ongoing
- Southland Water Agency, 2022-Ongoing
- City of North Miami Downtown Revitalization, 2022 – Ongoing
- City of West Palm Beach Advisory, 2023 – Ongoing
- SR 400 Express Lanes P3 Project –2023 – 2024
- City of Miami, 2024
- Miami-Dade County, 2024
- OCP 1-75, 2022-2024
- I-77 TIFIA Refinancing, 2023 – 2024
- I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project, 2023 – 2024
- University of Louisville Utility Monetization Project – 2023 – 2024
- Maryland Broadband P3, 2021 – 2023
- DC Streetlights P3 Project District of Columbia, 2019-2020

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure

#### **EDUCATION**

M.B.A, Institute of Business Administration