

ULCT draft SB 136 resolution for the county imposed fourth quarter for transportation

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____, UTAH, SUPPORTING THE HB 362 (2015) AUTHORIZED 0.25% LOCAL OPTION GENERAL SALES TAX DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION, AND ENCOURAGING THE COUNTY OF _____ TO, PER SB 136 (2018), IMPOSE THE TAX IN 2018.

WHEREAS, a safe and efficient transportation system creates the foundation for economic growth, improved air quality and public health, and enhanced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the creation and maintenance of transportation infrastructure is a core responsibility of local government; and

WHEREAS, _____ City's population has grown by % since _____ and is projected to grow _____, and Utah's population is expected to grow by more than two million residents by 2050; and

WHEREAS, _____ City's residents need and demand comprehensive transportation options such as bike lanes, multi-use paths, off-road trails, and transit, in addition to traditional roads; and

WHEREAS, _____ City is using _____ dollars from the general fund to supplement the Class B&C Fund revenue in order to try to address our local transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, research from the Utah Department of Transportation indicates that road rehabilitation costs six times as much as road maintenance, and road reconstruction costs ten times as much as road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, investing in comprehensive transportation results in economic development for _____ City and _____ County and accessible good-paying jobs for our residents; and

WHEREAS, improving comprehensive transportation in _____ City and _____ County will reduce private vehicle usage which will in turn lead to improved air quality; and

WHEREAS, poor air quality discourages economic development, business recruitment and tourism visits, and contributes to asthma and other health ailments and nearly 1 in 10 Utah adults suffer from asthma and struggle to breathe during poor air quality days; and

WHEREAS, nearly 57% of Utah adults are overweight, nearly 200,000 Utahns have diabetes, and diabetes and obesity related health care costs in Utah exceed \$700 million; and

WHEREAS, investing in safe and connected trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, and multi-use paths will encourage our residents to be more active, enable them to spend more time with their families via active transportation, and result in improved personal and community health; and

WHEREAS, Utah has created a Unified Transportation Plan to address these comprehensive transportation and quality of life issues; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature enacted HB 362 in 2015 which authorized a 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to local transportation (the "fourth quarter"); and

WHEREAS, _____ City adopted Resolution _____ in 2015 to request that _____ County implement the 0.25% local option sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature enacted SB 136 in 2018 which authorizes a county to impose the 0.25% local option sales tax between May 8, 2018 and June 30, 2019 to pay for debt service or fund regionally significant transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, _____ City will, upon county imposition and per the SB 136 formula phase in, receive 0.10% of the 0.25% sales tax come July 1, 2019 and beyond to invest in critical local transportation needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF _____, UTAH:

SECTION 1. Support the Imposition of the 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax. The City Council supports the proposed 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax that the _____ County governing body may impose.

SECTION 2. Investment in the Road and Street Needs in _____ City. The City has significant traditional transportation needs that the municipal 0.10% portion could address. For example, the City has a backlog of road maintenance projects such as (insert as much information about potential projects as city sees fit). Adoption of the municipal 0.10% portion would enable the City to invest in the critical projects that our residents need and expect.

SECTION 3. Active and Alternative Transportation Infrastructure Needs in _____ City. The City has significant active and alternative transportation needs that the municipal 0.10% portion could address. For example, our residents need and are demanding improved sidewalks and safe pedestrian options, enhanced bike lanes, better connectivity with transit, more traffic calming devices, and other modern transportation infrastructure (insert information on potential projects as you see fit). Investment in active transportation will encourage residents to travel via walking, biking, and transit, and result in a healthier population, reduced emissions, decreased health care costs, and improved quality of life.

SECTION 4. Investment in Transit (if applicable). The City supports investment in public transit because transit can help relieve traffic, promote walkable communities, and improve air quality. The transit system will receive 0.10% of the 0.25% local option general sales tax. The City expects the transit system to use the revenues collected within the City or County for projects that will enhance local bus service, foster local and regional connectivity, and benefit our residents.

SECTION 5. Distribution of this Resolution. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the _____ County governing body, the regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (if applicable), the Utah League of Cities & Towns, the Utah Association of Counties, the Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives, the President of the Utah State Senate, State Representatives and Senators who represent the City, and the Governor of the State of Utah.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____, UTAH, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
City Council Member	_____	_____	_____	_____
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City Council Member	_____	_____	_____	_____
City Council Member	_____	_____	_____	_____

Mayor: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
City Recorder

Approved as to form:

City Attorney