

Resolution No. 2018 XYZ

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE ONE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX OPTION

WHEREAS, the Utah County Commission has the authority now to implement the One Quarter Cent Sales Tax for Transit and Roadway maintenance and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the city of Highland has additional needs for roadway maintenance and improvements and Highland recognizes that Utah County has needs for the same; and

WHEREAS, the interlocal agreement between Utah County and UTA will help ensure that UTA projects in the county are ones that are supported by residents of the county, which will allow Highland as part of the county, to advocate for additional bus service to serve our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainland Regional Planning Committee (RPC) is the federally required Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the urbanized area of Utah County, and has authority for transportation planning and programming within the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainland RPC of Utah County, Utah, has determined that the tax will help fund needed roadway projects; and

WHEREAS, the One Quarter Cent Sales Tax for Transit and Roadway maintenance and improvements are assumed in the adopted *TransPlan40* Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, investing in safe and connected trails, bike lanes, sidewalks 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, in its 2018 general session, the Utah State Legislature recognized the local transportation need and enacted SB136 authorizing counties to impose a 0.25% local option general sales tax (the "Local Option Tax") dedicated to local transportation; and

WHEREAS, the county negotiated an interlocal agreement with Utah Transit Authority (the "UTA") that gives the county authority to direct which projects UTA money will be used for in the county; and

WHEREAS, for the first 10 years the entire UTA portion of Local Option Tax will be used to pay the county for the Bus Rapid Transit system already implemented in the county; and

WHEREAS, UTA Local Option Tax money will be used by the county to pay off the bond, freeing up county money that would have been used to pay the bond so that it can be used for roads; and

WHEREAS, the 0.25% Local Options Tax distribution after SB 136 formula phase-in, will be 20% to county, 40% to UTA and 40% to cities using the standard formula of state tax distribution being 0.50% point of sale and 0.50% shared by population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Highland City Council hereby supports and encourages the Utah County Commission to implement the One Quarter Cent Sales Tax for Transit and Roadway maintenance and improvements to keep up with the demanding growth rate of the Utah County economy and to maintain our quality of life we enjoy and value.

RESOLVED AND ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2018 BY THE HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL, UTAH

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RODNEY W. MANN, MAYOR

ATTESTED:

By: _____