

RESOLUTION 06-06-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTAQUIN CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE HB 362 (2015) AUTHORIZED 0.25% LOCAL OPTION GENERAL SALES TAX DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION, ENCOURAGING UTAH COUNTY TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL TO VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2015, AND ENCOURAGING VOTERS TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL.

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, Utah's population is expected to grow by 2 million residents by 2040; and

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

WHEREAS, due to our drastic shortfall in transportation revenue, Santaquin City is using dollars from the general fund to supplement the Class B&C Fund revenue in order to try to meet 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 transportation results in economic development for Santaquin City and Utah County and accessible good-paying jobs for our residents; and

WHEREAS, improving comprehensive transportation in Santaquin City and Utah County will reduce private vehicle usage which will in turn lead to improved air quality; 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 recognized the local transportation needs and enacted HB 362 which authorized counties to impose and voters to approve a 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to local transportation; and

WHEREAS, Santaquin City will, upon Utah County imposition and voter approval, receive 0.10 of the 0.25% sales tax to invest in critical local transportation needs.

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

SECTION 1. Support the 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax. The Santaquin City Council supports the proposed 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax that the Utah County governing body may submit to voters in Utah County in November 2015.

SECTION 2. Encourage Submission of Proposal to the Voters of Utah County. The Santaquin City Council urges the county governing body to submit the 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to transportation to the voters of the county for the November 2015 election. The Santaquin City Council also publicly supports the county governing body in submitting the 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to transportation to the electorate of the county.

SECTION 3. Encourage Voters to Vote on the 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax. The Santaquin City Council encourages voters to carefully consider the potential impact from the 0.25% general sales tax local option and vote as they deem appropriate.

SECTION 4. Road and Street Needs in Santaquin City. Santaquin 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 the rebuilding of roads, resurfacing of deteriorated road surfaces, preserving and maintaining our roads that are currently in good condition to perpetuate their good condition and the installation of drainage systems to lessen the deterioration of Santaquin City roadways. The Adoption of the municipal 0.10 would enable the city to invest in the critical projects that our residents expect.


SECTION 5. Active and Alternative Transportation Infrastructure Needs in Santaquin City. The city has significant active and alternative transportation needs that the municipal 0.10 portion could address. For example, our residents are demanding improved sidewalks and pedestrian safety modes, safer walking paths to schools, enhanced bike lanes, trails, better connectivity with transit, more traffic calming devices, and other modern transportation infrastructure. Investment in active transportation options will encourage residents to travel via walking, biking, and transit, result in a healthier population, reduced emissions, decreased health care costs, and improved quality of life. Adoption of the municipal 0.10 would enable the city to invest in the critical projects that our residents expect.

SECTION 6. Distribution of this Resolution. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Utah County governing body, 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 Utah.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.


**APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANTAQUIN CITY OF UTAH COUNTY,
UTAH, ON THIS THE 17th DAY OF JUNE, 2015 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Keith Broadhead	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Matthew Carr	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Council Member Nick Miller	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member David Hathaway	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Mandy Jeffs	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>



Kirk F. Hunsaker, Mayor

Attest:



Susan B. Farnsworth, City Recorder

