

RESOLUTION NO. R- -2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY, UTAH, ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF UTAH TO ADDRESS COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

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

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

WHEREAS, Utah's population is expected to grow by 60 percent by 2040; and

WHEREAS, Utah's residents are demanding new comprehensive transportation options such as transit, bike lanes, multi-use paths and trails in addition to traditional roads; and

WHEREAS, increased funding for comprehensive transportation will help local and State governments meet the needs for critical transportation projects as well as provide sufficient resources for other vital government services; and

WHEREAS, investing in transportation results in essential economic development returns for both municipalities and the state; and

WHEREAS, improving comprehensive transportation in Utah 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

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 10 Utah adults suffer from asthma and struggle to breathe during poor air quality days; and

WHEREAS, nearly 57 percent of Utah adults are overweight, approximately 200,000 Utahns have diabetes, and diabetes and obesity related health care costs continue to increase; and

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

WHEREAS, the current motor fuel tax of 24.5 cents and 1 percent local option sales tax are insufficient to satisfy current and future transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, Utah has led the nation in creating a Unified Transportation Plan to address these comprehensive transportation and quality of life issues and now asks the State and local governments to work together to find comprehensive funding solutions that will address transportation, economic development, air quality and health needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL, UTAH:

SECTION 1. Meeting Local Transportation Needs. Utah's local roads are in critical need of preservation and maintenance. The Mayor and City Council support additional funding proposals including a local option sales tax, and increased motor fuel tax, or other mechanisms.

Road reconstruction costs ten times more than preservation and road rehabilitation costs six times more than maintenance. In order to preserve roads, the Mayor and City Council have currently invested significant general fund monies but still needs additional revenue to meet the needs. The Mayor and City Council pledge to continue to invest general fund monies into transportation in addition to the requested additional tools from the Utah Legislature. The Mayor and City Council support a transportation funding mechanism which helps local governments maintain current and future roads in addition to the new transportation paradigm of transit, bike lanes, and multi-use paths.

SECTION 2. Economic Impact of Transportation. According to a study by the Economic Development research Group, the return on transportation investment of \$11.3 billion dollars per the Unified Transportation Plan would save Utahns more than \$84.8 billion, generate 182,618 jobs, and contribute more than \$118.6 billion in gross domestic product for Utah.

SECTION 3. Active Transportation. Both transportation and quality of life will be enhanced when alternative methods of transportation such a transit, walking paths, and bike trails are considered for comprehensive transportation funding. These investments improve air quality and increase health outcomes for Utah's population. The Mayor and City Council support additional funding mechanisms that will result in expanded active transportation infrastructure.

SECTION 4. Public & Personal Health Benefits. 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.

SECTION 5. Distribution of this Resolution. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Governor, the President of the Utah State Senate, the Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives, Eagle Mountain City's State Senators and State House Representatives, and the Executive Director of the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. upon passage.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately

APPROVED BY THE EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL, UTAH, ON THIS 20th DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.

EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY, UTAH

Chris Pengra, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fionnuala B. Kofoed, MMC
City Recorder

CERTIFICATION

The above resolution was adopted by the City Council of Eagle Mountain City on the 20th day of January, 2015.

Those voting aye:

- Adam Bradley
- Donna Burnham
- Ryan Ireland
- Richard Steinkopf
- Tom Westmoreland

Those voting nay:

- Adam Bradley
- Donna Burnham
- Ryan Ireland
- Richard Steinkopf
- Tom Westmoreland

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