

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
SUPPORTING THE HB 362 (2015) AUTHORIZED 0.25% LOCAL OPTION GENERAL
SALES TAX DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION, ENCOURAGING SALT LAKE
COUNTY TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL TO VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2015, AND
ENCOURAGING VOTERS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL

Whereas, as 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 two (2) million residents by 2040; and

Whereas, South Salt Lake 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 shortfall in transportation revenue, South Salt Lake is using general fund revenue to supplement the Class B & C Fund revenue 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 South Salt Lake and Salt Lake County and accessible good-paying jobs for our residents; 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 suffers from asthma and struggles 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 recognized the local transportation needs and enacted HB 362 which authorizes counties to impose and voters to approve a 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to local transportation; and

Whereas, the City of South Salt Lake will, upon 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 the City of South Salt Lake:

1. The City Council supports the proposed 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax that the County Council may submit to voters in November.
2. The City Council urges the Salt Lake County Council to submit the 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to transportation to the voters of the county for the November 2015 election. Likewise, the City Council publicly supports the Salt Lake County Council in submitting the 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to transportation to the electorate of the county.
3. The City Council encourages voters to carefully consider the potential impact from 0.25% general sales tax local option and to support the enactment of the 0.25% local option general sales tax because of the potential impact explained below.
 - a. South Salt Lake has significant traditional transportation needs that the municipal 0.10% portion could address. For example, South Salt Lake has a backlog of road maintenance projects. Adoption of the municipal 0.10% would enable South Salt Lake to invest in the critical projects our residents need.
 - b. South Salt Lake 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, enhanced bike lanes, 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, resulting in a healthier population, reduced emissions, decreased health care costs, and improved quality of life.
 - c. The transit system will receive a 0.10% of the Salt Lake County voter approved 0.25% local option general sales tax. South Salt Lake expects the transit system to utilize the revenues collected within South Salt Lake for projects that will expand local bus service, foster local and regional connectivity, and benefit the residents of the City.
4. The City Council directs the City Recorder to send a copy of this resolution to the Salt Lake County Council, the Salt Lake County Mayor, the Utah League of Cities and 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 South Salt Lake, and the Governor of Utah.

DATED this ____ day of June 2015.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Council Chair

ATTEST:

Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

City Council Vote as Recorded:

Beverly	_____
Gold	_____
Jones	_____
Rapp	_____
Rutter	_____
Snow	_____
Turner	_____