ULCT DRAFT HB 362 RESOLUTION

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, ENCOURAGING THE COUNTY OF ____ TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL TO VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2015, AND ENCOURAGING VOTERS TO SUPPORT 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, ___'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, ___ 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 ___ 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

WHEREAS, 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 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, the ___ city/town 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_____, UTAH:

SECTION 1. Support 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 submit to voters in ___ county in November.

SECTION 2. Encourage Submission of Proposal to the Voters of ____ County. The 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 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 Enact the 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax. The City Council encourages voters to carefully consider the potential impact from the 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.

SECTION 4. 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 would enable the city to invest in the critical projects that our residents expect.

SECTION 5. 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 are demanding improved sidewalks and pedestrian safety modes, enhanced bike lanes, better connectivity with transit, more traffic calming devices, and other modern transportation infrastructure (insert as much information about potential projects as the city sees fit). 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. Investment in Transit (if applicable). The City supports continued 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 county imposed and voter approved 0.25% local option general sales tax. The City expects the transit system to utilize the revenues collected within the City for projects that will expand local bus service, foster local and regional connectivity, and benefit the residents of the City.

SECTION 7. Distribution of this Resolution. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the ___ 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 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____, UTAH, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
City Council Member	____	____	____	____
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City Council Member	____	____	____	____
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City Council Member	____	____	____	____

Mayor: _____ Attest: _____

Mayor City Recorder

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

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