

**HUNTINGTON CITY  
RESOLUTION 7-2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, UTAH, SUPPORTING THE HB 362 (2015) AUTHORIZED 0.25% LOCAL OPTION GENERAL SALES TAX DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION, ENCOURAGING THE COUNTY OF EMERY 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 2million residents by 2040; and

**WHEREAS**, Huntington'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**, 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 Huntington city and Emery county 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, 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 Huntington city/town will, upon county imposition and voter approval, receive 0.10of the 0.25% sales tax to invest in critical local transportation needs.

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

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

**SECTION 2. Encourage Submission of Proposal to the Voters of Emery 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.

**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 Huntington City.** The City has significant traditional transportation needs that the municipal 0.10 portion could address. 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 Huntington City.** The City has significant active and alternative transportation needs that the municipal 0.10% portion could address. For example, our residents are requesting improved sidewalks and pedestrian safety modes, bike lanes, walking trails and other modern transportation infrastructure. Investment in active transportation options will encourage residents to travel via walking or biking which will result in a healthier population, 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 Emery 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.

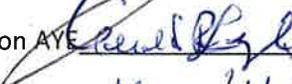
APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, UTAH, ON THIS 19 DAY OF August, 2015 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

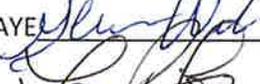
  
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Mayor Hilary Gordon

(SEAL)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mark T. Justice    AYE     NAY \_\_\_\_\_

Gerald Livingston    AYE     NAY \_\_\_\_\_

Gloria Wilson    AYE     NAY \_\_\_\_\_

Lanee Cowley    AYE     NAY \_\_\_\_\_

Julie Jones    AYE     NAY \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

  
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Jenene Hansen, City Recorder