

RESOLUTION 18-48

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 0.25% LOCAL OPTION GENERAL SALES TAX DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPORTING THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX IN 2018 PURSUANT TO RECENTLY PASSED STATE OF UTAH SENATE BILL 136 (2018)

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 more than two million residents by 2050; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate the population growth, City residents need 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 comprehensive transportation results in economic development for the City and Salt Lake County and access to good-paying jobs for our residents; and

WHEREAS, improving comprehensive transportation in the City and Salt Lake 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, the Utah State Legislature enacted SB 136 in 2018 which authorizes Salt Lake County to impose the 0.25% local option sales tax between May 8, 2018 and June 30, 2019 to pay for debt service or fund regionally significant transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City will, upon Salt Lake County's imposition of the 0.25% local option sales tax and pursuant to the State of Utah Senate Bill 136 formula phase-in, receive 0.10% of the 0.25% sales tax come July 1, 2019 and beyond to invest in critical local transportation needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Draper City Council that:

1. The City Council supports the proposed 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax that the Salt Lake County governing body may impose.
2. 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. Adoption of the municipal 0.10% portion would enable the City to invest in the critical projects that the City needs.
3. The City has significant active and alternative transportation needs that the municipal 0.10% portion could address. For example, the City needs improved sidewalks and safe pedestrian options, enhanced bike lanes, better connectivity with transit, more traffic calming devices, and other modern transportation infrastructure. Investment in active transportation will encourage residents to travel via walking, biking, and transit, and result in a healthier population, reduced emissions, decreased health care costs, and improved quality of life.
4. The City supports 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 0.25% local option general sales tax. The City expects the transit system to use the revenues collected within the City or County for projects that will enhance local bus service, foster local and regional connectivity, and benefit residents.
5. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Salt Lake County governing body.
6. This resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DRAPER CITY, STATE OF UTAH, THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE, 2018.



DRAPER CITY

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Mayor Troy K. Walker

ATTEST:

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Rachelle Conner, MMC, City Recorder

VOTE TAKEN:

YES

NO

Councilmember Green

✓

Councilmember Lowery

✓

Councilmember Summerhays

✓

Councilmember Vawdrey

✓

Councilmember Weeks

✓

Mayor Walker
