

**TOWN OF ALTA
RESOLUTION 2018-R-3**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ALTA UTAH, SUPPORTING THE HB 362 (2015) AUTHORIZED 0.25% LOCAL OPTION GENERAL SALES TAX DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION, AND SUPPORTING THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX IN 2018 PER SB 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 2 million residents by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Town's residents request 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 a lack of transportation revenue, the Town of Alta is using funds from the general fund to supplement the Class B&C Fund revenue to address local transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, investing in transportation results in essential economic development returns for both the Town of Alta and Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, improving comprehensive transportation in the Town of Alta and Salt Lake 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, 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 in 2015 which authorized a 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to local transportation (the "fourth quarter"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Alta adopted Resolution 2015-R-8 in 2015 to request that Salt Lake County implement the 0.25% local option sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature enacted SB 136 in 2018 which authorizes a 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 Town of Alta will, upon county imposition and per the SB 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ALTA, UTAH:

SECTION 1. Support the Imposition of the 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax.

The Alta Town Council supports the proposed 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax that the Salt Lake County governing body may impose.


SECTION 2. Investment in Road and Street Needs the Town of Alta. The Town of Alta wishes to improve and invest in alternative methods of transportation such as transit, safe and connected trails, and bike and pedestrian lanes along our public roads. Adoption of the municipal 0.10% would enable the Town to invest in these projects.

SECTION 3: Active and Alternative Transportation Infrastructure Needs in the Town of Alta. The Town of Alta has active and alternative transportation needs that the municipal 0.10% portion could address including multi-use trails, trailhead amenities, bike and pedestrian lanes, traffic calming strategies, and other pedestrian/bicycling safety measures and information signage. Investment in active transportation will encourage residents to travel via walking, biking, and transit, will create a safer community, and result in a healthier population, reduced emissions, decreased healthcare costs, and improved quality of life.

SECTION 4. Distribution of this Resolution. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Salt Lake 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 Town of Alta, and the Governor of Utah.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ALTA ON THIS 9th DAY OF May, 2018.

By: 
Mayor Harris Sondak

ATTEST:



Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk



Approved as to form:
Town Attorney