

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UTAH TRANSIT
AUTHORITY OUTLINING INTENDED USE OF FUNDS
IF PROPOSED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX IS APPROVED**

No. R2015-08-04

August 26, 2015

WHEREAS, the Utah Transit Authority (the "Authority") is a public transit district organized under the laws of the State of Utah and was created to transact and exercise all of the powers provided for in Title 17B, Limited Purpose Government Entities - Local Districts, and as more specifically defined in Title 17B-2a-801 *et seq.*, Public Transit District Act; and

WHEREAS, during the 2015 General Session, the Utah State Legislature passed H.B. 362, Transportation Infrastructure Funding, signed by Governor Gary Herbert on March 27, 2015, authorizing counties to impose a local option sales and use tax for highways and public transit, as codified in relevant part at Utah Code Ann. §59-12-2219; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of H.B. 362, the legislative bodies of certain counties within the Authority's service district have elected to place the proposed local option sales tax as an opinion question to the voters on the regular general election to be held in November 2015, as required pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §59-12-2208; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Authority's Board of Trustees (the "Board"), and Authority staff, have been contacted by elected officials, stakeholders and constituents, asking for information about how the Authority would use funding if voters were to approve a new proposed local option sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Authority cannot and will not advocate for a proposed local option sales tax, but desires to be responsive, open, transparent and forthright in providing factual information about how the Authority would plan for and allocate such additional tax, if approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Utah Transit Authority:

1. That the Board sets forth the following priorities for use of funding from a 2015 local option tax, if approved by the voters:

Increased and Enhanced Transit Service:

A. Emphasis on Bus Service. The Authority will give primary focus and priority to improvements in bus service and technology. Some changes in rail service will be made to meet demand and to coordinate with bus schedules. Wherever bus or rail service is enhanced, the Authority will examine enhanced paratransit services for persons with disabilities.

B. Frequency of Service. The Authority will examine and increase the frequency of service on many routes, making it easier for riders to utilize and connect within the transit system.

C. Span of Service. The Authority will extend many routes later into the evening, and some earlier in the morning, to allow transit patrons to better connect to jobs, education, entertainment, and community activities.

D. Weekend Service. The Authority will make more transportation options available on weekends.

E. First- and Last-Mile Solutions. The Authority will work to facilitate improved access to service on foot and bicycle, via sidewalks, paths and trails.

F. Bus Stop Shelters, Amenities and Improvements. The Authority will enhance the transit experience by expanding the number of shelters and improving accessibility at bus stops.

G. Mobility Management. The Authority will expand its programs and services to assist human service agencies that provide transportation as part of their activities.

H. Facilities and Equipment. The Authority will acquire and construct whatever equipment and facilities may be necessary to provide A through E above.

2. That the Authority will conduct an open, transparent, and public process, in consultation with stakeholders and the public, and in accordance with all applicable laws, to determine the routes and locations that will get enhanced service and amenities.
3. That the Authority will apply funding throughout the Authority's service area, in an equitable manner consistent with the proportion of tax dollars received from the Counties in which the tax is levied and assessed, and will provide a summary of new funding and related expenditures as part of UTA's annual geographic equity analysis report.
4. This statement expresses priorities for foreseeable transit needs. Nothing in this statement is intended to limit the Authority from using the funding for any purpose allowed by law, as such needs may arise in the future.
5. That the corporate seal be attached hereto.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of August, 2015.

H. David Burton, Chair