

## **RESOLUTION 06-142**

### **BY CITY OF KETCHUM CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF A LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX TO FUND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO**

WHEREAS, the population of Idaho is the third fastest growing state in the nation and our population is projected to increase by 56 percent by 2030; and

WHEREAS, since 1978, vehicle miles traveled on Idaho roads have increased by 104 percent to 14.4 billion vehicle miles per year and the number of vehicles registered has increased by 93 percent over the same period; and

WHEREAS, rapid growth in many areas of the state will continue to increase the number of vehicles on our roads, resulting in increased traffic congestion and negative impacts to air quality; and

WHEREAS, public transportation is an important component of our transportation system, and is an essential service in rural and urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is one of four states that does not provide either state funds or local option taxing authority for local public transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, federal matching funds in some areas of the state are going unused due to lack of local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, a Forum on Public Transportation initiated by the Idaho Transportation Board completed a report with a recommendation to provide local option taxing authority for transportation-related initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdictions within Blaine County have adopted comprehensive plans, transportation plans and/or policies identifying the goals, policies and/or action items to develop a countywide transportation plan which includes transit to meet the resident, visitor and commuter needs; and

WHEREAS, the public transit demands of residents, visitors and employees commuting to employment centers in the region are increasing; and


WHEREAS, the jurisdictions of Ketchum, Sun Valley, Bellevue and Blaine County with the participation of Hailey and Carey have joined together to provide for an efficient and responsive regional public transit system which is easily identifiable and coordinated in a manner to encourage ridership; and

WHEREAS, the funding mechanisms available to Sun Valley, Ketchum and Hailey in the form of resort option tax are not available to other jurisdictions within the County and region creating disparity in the ability of each jurisdiction to contribute in an equitable manner to a regional public transit system ; and

WHEREAS, on this date, Ketchum City Council reviewed the proposal to use local option sales tax for funding public transportation in Idaho.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ketchum City Council accepts the proposal to support legislation, which would authorize regional public transportation authorities to ask voters to approve a local option sales tax for financing, construction, operating and maintaining public transportation systems


This Resolution will be in full force and effect upon its adoption this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.


  
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Randy Hall, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form and content:

  
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Sandra Cady, CMC  
City Treasurer/Clerk



  
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