

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-19-160 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Ken Sanchez and Isaac Benton, by request

1 RESOLUTION

2 ADOPTING A PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE
3 NEXT MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONCERNING THE RENEWAL OF A QUARTER
4 OF ONE PERCENT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE GROSS RECEIPTS
5 TAX.

6 WHEREAS, since FY/2000, the City has renewed a voter approved
7 Transportation Infrastructure Gross Receipts Tax; and

8 WHEREAS, the voter approved Transportation Infrastructure Tax has
9 provided hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for road rehabilitation,
10 road maintenance, road deficiencies and transit operations; and

11 WHEREAS, Albuquerque residents, visitors, and businesses have
12 benefited greatly by the improvements funded from the proceeds of the
13 Transportation Infrastructure Tax; and

14 WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Transportation Infrastructure Tax have also
15 provided approximately 20% of the City's Transit operating funds; and

16 WHEREAS, the existing Transportation Infrastructure Tax contains a
17 sunset provision which causes the tax to expire on June 30, 2020; and

18 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the City of
19 Albuquerque to place a question on the ballot of the November 5, 2019
20 Municipal Election regarding whether to continue to provide this source of
21 road and transit funding.

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
23 ALBUQUERQUE:

24 Section 1. That the City Clerk is instructed to place the following proposal
25 on the next municipal election ballot, and the qualified voters of the City of

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Albuquerque shall be permitted to vote “for” or “against” the following proposal:

PROPOSITION

PROPOSING TO RENEW A ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX WHICH SHALL BE DEDICATED SPECIFICALLY AND ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING USES: NOT LESS THAN 57% FOR ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; 5% FOR TRAILS AND BIKEWAYS; AND 38% FOR TRANSIT.

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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque, New Mexico
Office of the Mayor

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 29, 2019

TO: Klarissa J. Peña, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor 

SUBJECT: Resolution renewing a quarter-cent Transportation Infrastructure Tax

This Resolution renews a quarter-cent Transportation Infrastructure Tax to be effective July 1, 2020 and is dependent upon a favorable outcome of a mandatory election to be held on a date to be set by the Council. The tax shall be dedicated to road rehabilitation, road deficiencies, road maintenance, trails and bikeways, and transit at the percentages set forth in the resolution.

For nearly 20 years, the citizens of Albuquerque have benefited greatly from the existing quarter-cent Transportation Infrastructure Tax, as it represents 70% of our efforts in maintaining our streets.

The City has been able to successfully leverage these monies to obtain additional federal and state funds to construct many of these projects. Additionally, the tax has allowed the Transit Department to improve services for transit riders.

The attached resolution is submitted for City Council approval.


Attachments

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DATE May 29, 2019


SUBJECT: Ordinance imposing a quarter-cent Transportation Infrastructure Tax

Approved:

 5/31/19

Sarita Nair, JD, MCRP Date
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

 5-28-2019

Esteban A. Aguilar, Jr., Esq. Date
City Attorney

Recommended:

 5-24-19

Patrick Montoya, Director Date
Department of Municipal Development

Cover Analysis

1. What is it?

This Resolution renews a quarter-cent Transportation Infrastructure Tax

2. What will this piece of legislation do?

This Resolution renews a quarter-cent Transportation Infrastructure Tax to be effective July 1, 2020 and is dependent upon a favorable outcome of a mandatory election to be held on a date to be set by Council.

3. Why is this project needed?

The revenues dedicated to roads shall be used for the developed parts of the City of Albuquerque for existing infrastructure including interstate highways.

4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?

N/A

5. Is there a revenue source associated with this plan? If so, what level of income is projected?

If approved by voters, the quarter cent tax would generate about \$34M per year.

6. What will happen if the project is not approved?

The City of Albuquerque roads, trails, and transit system could fall further behind in maintenance needs.

7. Is this service already provided by another entity?

No