

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 46
Series of 2018**

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION ENDORING A STATEWIDE
 TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX SOLUTION**

WHEREAS, a modern, safe and efficient 21st century transportation system is essential to Colorado's quality of life and the health of our economy; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's population has grown nearly 60 percent since 1991, while state transportation spending per driver, adjusted for inflation, has been cut in half over that same time period; and

WHEREAS, increased demands on our roads and bridges have resulted in increased traffic congestion, lost worker productivity and deep frustration among local citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation has identified \$9 billion in much-needed projects that lack funding; and

WHEREAS, compounding the inability of CDOT to fund vital projects is the lack of resources available to local communities to address traffic congestion, maintenance needs and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the failure to maintain roads and bridges adequately costs Coloradans on average of \$468 per driver due to damage and unnecessary wear-and-tear to vehicles, and

WHEREAS, truly addressing Colorado's transportation challenges requires a dedicated, sufficient and guaranteed stream of revenue; and

WHEREAS, a bipartisan, statewide group of local elected officials and business leaders has proposed to raise the state sales tax by .62 percent, or about six cents on a ten-dollar purchase, for transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the tax increase will raise \$767 million in its first year and allow for bonding of \$6 billion for state projects; and

WHEREAS, 40 percent of the new revenue will go to county and municipal governments to address local transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, Colorado voters will be able to vote on this statewide transportation solution on the November 2018 ballot.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, endorses this strong and effective transportation solution as the right answer to address years of neglect of our state's transportation needs and to address the concerns we have heard from our local citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado urges our local voters to support this transportation solution on the November 2018 ballot.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 23rd day of July, 2018.

By: 
Bud Starker, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janelle, Shaver, City Clerk

