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 County of Grand }

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Grand County, Colorado, held at the Grand County Administration Building in Hot Sulphur Springs on Tuesday, the 25th day of April, 2017, there were present:

Kristen Manguso _____, Commissioner Chairman
Merrit Linke _____, Commissioner
Richard D. Cimino _____, Commissioner
Alan N. Hassler _____, County Attorney
Lee A. Staab _____, County Manager
Sara L. Rosene _____, Clerk of the Board

when the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4-20

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 17-1242, "A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."

WHEREAS, HB17-1242, "A Bill for an Act Concerning Transportation Funding, and in Connection Therewith, Making an Appropriation," is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2017; and

WHEREAS, HB17-1242 refers a measure to the voters of Colorado to be considered on the November, 2017 ballot for a temporary, 20-year, 0.62% statewide sales tax increase that would begin in 2018 and end on December 31, 2037; and

WHEREAS, HB17-1242 concurrently would cut the FASTER Road Safety Surcharge on vehicle registration fees; and

WHEREAS, HB17-1242 is estimated to raise \$702 million per year on average to fund Colorado's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, HB17-1242 is estimated to double revenues to towns and cities and increase funding by nearly 65% to counties through the existing HUTF formula to improve local roads; and

WHEREAS, HB17-1242 provides for a reasonable multi-modal fund for use throughout the state for mobility infrastructure services; and

WHEREAS, HB17-1242 provides the Colorado Department of Transportation the ability to issue up to \$3.5 billion in Transportation Revenue Anticipation Notes, with a maximum repayment of \$5 billion at a term not to exceed 20 years; and

WHEREAS, over 53% of the Tier 1 projects proposed by the Colorado Department of Transportation to be accomplished with the revenues generated from HB17-1242 are in Colorado's western 22 counties; and

WHEREAS, over 34% of the Tier 2 projects proposed by the Colorado Department of Transportation to be accomplished with the revenues generated from HB17-1242 are in Colorado's western 22 counties; and

WHEREAS, more than 15 of the Tier 1 projects proposed by the Colorado Department of Transportation to be accomplished with the revenues generated from HB17-1242 will improve driving access to Denver for Colorado's western 22 counties; and

WHEREAS, the projects proposed by the Colorado Department of Transportation will be included in the voter Blue Book; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Colorado's aging, inefficient and deficient infrastructure increases vehicle costs to Colorado motorists by approximately \$1,200.00 per year, and decreases the safety of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the gas tax, the current primary source of funding for the Colorado Department of Transportation, is insufficient to address critical infrastructure needs:

- The gas tax does not adjust with inflation
- The gas tax does not adjust to less fuel consumption by higher fuel efficiency vehicles or alternative fuel vehicles
- The gas tax has not been increased since 1991
- The resulting decline in revenue collection has led to an estimated \$9 billion shortfall over the next 10 years for critical infrastructure needs on the Colorado state highway system alone, without consideration for the needs at the local government level; and

WHEREAS, rural Colorado cannot raise sufficient revenue on its own to address the many transportations needs that rural communities face, and which, in many instances, is exacerbated by the visiting public without adequate compensation; and

WHEREAS, a safe and efficient transportation infrastructure network is critical to rural Colorado in general, and Grand County in particular.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Grand, State of Colorado supports HB17-1242, "A Bill for an Act Concerning Transportation Funding, and in Connection Therewith, Making an Appropriation."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Grand, State of Colorado supports the approval of HB17-1242 by the Senate Finance Committee, and passage and referral of the measure by the Colorado Legislature to the voters of Colorado for consideration on the November, 2017 ballot.

Upon motion duly made the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

..... *Busta Mangosa* Aye
 *Marita [Signature]* Aye
 *Rick [Signature]* Aye

Commissioners

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I,, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing Order is truly copied from the Records of the Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners for said Grand County, now in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at Hot Sulphur Springs, this day of A.D. 20.....

County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

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