

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF FULTON

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY  
SPRINGS TO URGE MODIFICATION OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA'S  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2015 (HB 170)**

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Study Committee on Critical Transportation Infrastructure Funding has issued a report which identifies the need for the State of Georgia to raise additional revenue to address transportation needs; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 170 has now been introduced in the Georgia General Assembly which recommends the State of Georgia invest over \$1 billion annually in transportation-related projects, with over \$500 million of the \$1 billion coming from local sales taxes from cities, counties, and school systems; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, local governments in Georgia collected \$516 million in local sales taxes (LOST, SPLOST, ELOST, ESPLOST, HOST, MARTA and Atlanta's MOST) from the sales of motor fuel; and

**WHEREAS**, if motor fuel is removed or exempted from local sales taxes, the Georgia Municipal Association estimates that Fulton County could lose approximately \$43,136,175.82 annually, including \$1,369,000.00 in proceeds to the City of Sandy Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, the total amount of SPLOST funds spent on transportation by the cities and counties of Georgia was approximately \$746 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Georgia's local governments have made and continue to make substantial investments towards transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, under the proposed bill, cities, counties and schools would no longer collect approximately \$500 million per year from local sales taxes on motor fuel sales used to fund local priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, currently one percent (1%) of Georgia's sales tax on motor fuel goes into the State's general budget for non-transportation uses; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing this one percent (1%) to go directly to the Georgia Department of Transportation ("GDOT") would result in approximately \$175 million for GDOT's statewide strategic transportation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sandy Springs Mayor and City Council desire modification of any provision or measure which would reduce allocation of sales tax funding to local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sandy Springs Mayor and City Council desire a requirement that any allocation of sales tax funding to a local government shall be used by that local government solely for transportation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sandy Springs Mayor and City Council desire a requirement that the one percent (1%) of Georgia's sales tax on motor fuel currently going into the State's general budget for non-transportation uses go directly to GDOT for transportation uses;

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-16

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA, AND IT IS RESOLVED BY AUTHORITY OF SAID COUNCIL AT REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17, 2015, THAT THE CITY URGES THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS LOCAL DELEGATION:

1. not to support any bill, provision or measure that would re-allocate local sales tax funding from local governments to the State of Georgia;
2. to require that any allocation of sales tax funding to a local government shall be used by that local government solely for transportation purposes;
3. to require that the 1% of Georgia's sales tax on motor fuel currently going into the State's general budget for non-transportation uses go directly to GDOT for its statewide strategic transportation plan; and
4. not to approve any provision of a transportation bill that would authorize double taxation of municipal residents.

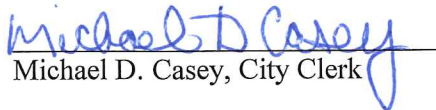
SO RESOLVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

Approved:



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:



Michael D. Casey, City Clerk

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