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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

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**TO:** Mayor & City Council                      **DATE:** August 27, 2010

**FROM:** John McDonough, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** Sales Tax for Regional Transportation Resolution

**MEETING DATE:** For Submission onto the September 7, 2010, City Council Work Session Meeting Agenda

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** (Attach additional pages if necessary)

See attached:

Resolution

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**APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER:**                     jmm                     APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_ NOT APPROVED

**PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:**                     9/7/10                    

**CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED:** (  ) YES      (  ) NO

**CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL:**                     [Signature]                    

**REMARKS:**

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF FULTON**

**RESOLUTION ON SALES TAX FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the Georgia legislature has authorized a referendum to allow metropolitan Atlanta to vote on adding on an additional one penny sales tax to fund regional transportation improvements, including highways, rail, buses, highways, bikeways and sidewalks that could significantly shorten commute times and improve quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Fulton and DeKalb Counties have for more than 30 years paid a one penny sales tax to build and maintain a regional transportation system, the Metropolitan Atlanta Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, MARTA benefits everyone in metropolitan Atlanta by reducing the number of cars on metropolitan Atlanta's roads, by reducing air pollution, and by carrying people to work and to school; and

WHEREAS, the legislature expressly excluded funding MARTA'S operating cost from the additional one penny sales tax; and

Whereas, under the legislature's proposal the citizens of Fulton and DeKalb Counties will have to pay two cents in sales tax for regional transportation, while their neighbors in Cobb, Gwinnett, Cherokee, Clayton, Douglas Fayette, Henry, and Rockdale Counties will only have to pay a one penny sales tax for regional transportation; and

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of Sandy Springs support a one cent sales tax to fund regional transportation improvements provided neighboring metropolitan Atlanta counties join Fulton and DeKalb County in forming a regional transit system, or in the alternative, the legislature requires them to join Fulton and DeKalb Counties to form and fund a regional transit system.

Adopted by the City Council of Sandy Springs on the 7th day of September, 2010.

Approved:

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Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

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Michael Casey, City Clerk  
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