

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON AND OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BIBB COUNTY SUPPORTING THE LEVY OF A ONE PERCENT SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, MODIFICATION, AND OTHER PUBLIC WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROADS, STREETS AND BRIDGES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY TOGETHER WITH CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, as indicated by a resolution adopted by these bodies on May 17, 1994, the Mayor and Council of the City of Macon and the Board of Commissioners of Bibb County jointly and severally find that they are considerably behind other similar localities in the provision of roads, and the meeting of traffic needs of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the firm of Moreland and Altobelli was engaged to make a professional study of the traffic and transportation needs of the community and reported its findings at the public meeting held on May 10, 1994; and,

WHEREAS, study of the report rendered by Moreland and Altobelli revealed that the cost of carrying out the program recommended would be more than could be raised over a five-year period through the levy of a special local option sales tax, and since the public hearing on May 10th, the parties have been engaged in a careful review of the report for the purpose of reducing the scope of the proposed

improvements to those which could be funded through the special local option sales tax; and,

WHEREAS, all of the reasons for utilizing a special local option sales tax as a funding medium set out in the resolution of June 21, 1994, still prevail, but the scope of the work and activity contemplated has been reduced so as to bring it within the sums which would be produced by a one percent special local option sales tax; and,

WHEREAS, Moreland and Altobelli, pursuant to these subsequent deliberations revised and has prepared a supplemental report which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and by attachment and reference thereto made a part hereof, which report provides for capital outlays within funding ability of the special local option sales tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Macon and Board of Commissioners of Bibb County, Georgia, as follows:

1. Both bodies restate their recognition of a need to take substantial steps in traffic improvement, additional street and road capacity in the City of Macon and County of Bibb, and a capital outlay for transportation in the estimated aggregate amount of One Hundred Five Million Dollars (\$105,000,000.00).

2. Both bodies further recognize that the most efficient and least expensive way of providing for the funding of the needed improvements is through the levy of a one percent special local option sales tax for a period of five years as provided by law.

3. Both bodies approve the revised report of Moreland and Altobelli attached hereto as Exhibit A and adopt the same as the program of the City and County for road improvements and for the provision of a sum of money for capital outlays for transportation.

4. The City requests and the County agrees that it will, as provided by law, call for a special local option sales tax referendum to be held in connection with the general election in November, 1994, for the purpose of submitting the question to the qualified voters of Bibb County.

5. Both parties agree that they will lend all appropriate efforts to support the passage of the referendum and to encourage its passage by a favorable vote.

6. The City and County both firmly believe that the passage of the sales tax is essential to the progress and will inure to the benefit of all of the citizens, and will

do much to encourage increased employment opportunities through the commercial and industrial development which attends adequate roadway capacity.

SO RESOLVED this 16th day of August, 1994.

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