AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Resolution 2018-27; Supporting Ballot Initiative N

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

Attached please find A Resolution Supporting Ballot Initiative No. 153 Seeking Voter Approval to Increase Transportation Infrastructure Funding

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Office of the County Attorney **Submitter's Email Address:** rmagruder@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ◉ Required ○ Not Required

Comments:
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Reveiwed by: Discharge Date: 8/3/2018 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ○ No ◉

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\emense Discharge Date: 8/3/2018

○ Consent Agenda ◉ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 5

Agenda Date: 8/7/2018

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO: 2018-___

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BALLOT INITIATIVE NO. 153 SEEKING VOTER APPROVAL TO INCREASE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

WHEREAS, in May 2018 the Colorado State Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 2018-001 ("SB18-001"), which authorized the diversion of a percentage of sales and use tax revenue from Colorado's General Fund to the State's Highway Fund for two years;

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Legislature recognized in SB18-001 that increased transportation funding was critical to "to preserve and improve Colorado's economic prosperity and quality of life";

WHEREAS, the Legislature also recognized that increased funding is "necessary to develop and maintain a modern, efficient, and cost-effective multimodal transportation system that can move people, goods, and information without undue delays or environmental consequences";

WHEREAS, SB18-001 made the diversion of increased transportation funding conditioned upon the approval of the voters of Colorado by a ballot measure;

WHEREAS, there is an effort to place Ballot Initiative No. 153, which authorizes increased transportation funds pursuant to SB18-001, on the ballot for the 2018 general election;

WHEREAS, Initiative No. 153 would raise the state sales tax by 0.62% (six-tenths of a percent or 6 cents for every $10 purchase) for transportation projects, including multimodal projects enabled by new technology and bicycle, inter-regional public transit, and pedestrian friendly infrastructure;

WHEREAS, it is projected that if passed, Initiative No. 153 would raise approximately $767 million a year for transportation funding, including over $123 million to Colorado counties, including Gunnison County;

WHEREAS, the tax increase proposed by Initiative No. 153 is temporary in that the initiative contains a 20-year sunset clause;

WHEREAS, there is a critical need for investment in transportation infrastructure within Gunnison County in order to sustain the County's population growth and increased tourism, as well as to promote economic development;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of mass transit, pedestrian and bicycle projects and infrastructure is fully in line with the modes of transportation used, and indeed celebrated, within Gunnison County;

WHEREAS, the temporary, modest tax increase that passage of Initiative No. 153 would authorize is substantially justified by the need for transportation infrastructure funding in Colorado; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado supports Initiative No. 153 and its inclusion on the 2018 general election ballot, and, should it be included, encourages the citizens of Gunnison County to vote in favor of its passage.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner_____, seconded by Commissioner _____, and adopted this 7th day of August, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: _____
Phil Chamberland, Chairperson

By: _____
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

By: _____
John Messner, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Deputy County Clerk