

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 110 TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE OF THE STATE'S SALES AND USE TAX RATE FROM 2.9 PERCENT TO 3.52 PERCENT FOR 20 YEARS, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON AT A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018; SETTING FORTH THE REASONS THAT THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 110 IS IMPORTANT TO THE CITIZENS OF BRIGHTON; AND URGING THE CITIZENS OF BRIGHTON TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 110

WHEREAS, the City of Brighton recognizes the critical importance of a safe and efficient transportation system both locally and regionally; and

WHEREAS, a modern, safe, and efficient 21st century transportation system is essential to Colorado's quality of life and the health of our economy; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's population has grown nearly 60 percent since 1991, while state transportation spending per driver, adjusted for inflation, has been cut in half over that same time period; and

WHEREAS, increased demands on our roads and bridges have resulted in increased traffic congestion, lost worker productivity, and deep frustration among local citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation has identified \$9 billion in much-needed projects that lack funding; and

WHEREAS, there has been a significant lack of resources available to local communities to address traffic congestion, maintenance needs, and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the failure to maintain roads and bridges adequately costs Coloradans an average of \$468 per driver due to damage and unnecessary wear-and-tear to vehicles; and

WHEREAS, truly addressing Colorado's transportation challenges requires a dedicated, sufficient, and guaranteed stream of revenue; and

WHEREAS, a bipartisan coalition of local elected officials, business leaders, labor unions, environmentalists, transit groups, and community activists have joined together to ask voters to raise the state sales tax by 0.62 percent, or about six cents on a ten-dollar purchase, for transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, this measure will raise \$767 million in its first year and allow for bonding of \$6 billion for state projects; and

WHEREAS, 40 percent of the new revenue will go to county and municipal governments to address local transportation needs, and 15 percent will go to multi-model transit; and

WHEREAS, Colorado voters will be able to vote on this statewide transportation solution on the November 2018 ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council hereby encourages the citizens of Brighton to vote “YES” on the Proposition 110 Ballot Measure at the general election on November 6, 2018.

RESOLVED THIS 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

KENNETH J. KREUTZER, Mayor

ATTEST:

NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JACK D. BAJOREK, City Attorney