

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG supporting the City of Ellensburg's Proposition 1, which would authorize collection of a sales and use tax of up to 0.2% on all taxable retail sales within the City, for the purpose of funding public transportation (transit) systems, as proposed in the upcoming November 4, 2025 election.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to fund the operation, maintenance, or capital needs of public transportation (transit) systems by imposing a sales and use tax of up to two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) in accordance with RCW 82.14.045, upon voter approval thereof;

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution 2025-14 to submit a sales and use tax ballot measure to the qualified voters of the City;

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2025, the City Council, acting as the Ellensburg Transportation Benefit District, also adopted Resolution 2025-15 to repeal the existing two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales and use tax (which is set to expire in 2026), contingent upon voter approval of the November 4, 2025, sales and use tax ballot measure;

WHEREAS, the November 4, 2025, sales and use tax ballot measure would continue funding for Ellensburg Central Transit with no net sales tax increase;

WHEREAS, Ellensburg Central Transit ridership is up 64% from 2017;

WHEREAS, Ellensburg Central Transit provides access to medical care, jobs, education, food banks, grocery shopping, recreation, the library, voting, and more;

WHEREAS, Ellensburg Central Transit provides service on 358 days a year;

WHEREAS, Ellensburg Central Transit provides ADA Paratransit service for riders with disabilities, to ensure all neighbors can access work, healthcare, and community life;

WHEREAS, Ellensburg Central Transit connects residents to a regional transit network, and expands opportunities for residents and businesses by connecting beyond city limits;

WHEREAS, equal time to receive public comment from citizens in support of, or opposition to, Ballot Proposition No. 1 was made available at the City's Council's regularly scheduled meeting on October 6, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Ellensburg hereby declares its support for and encourages approval of the City's Proposition 1, entitled "Sales and Use Tax for Public Transportation (Transit) Systems" which will be presented to the voters at the upcoming November 4, 2025 election.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ellensburg at a regular meeting on the 6th day of October, 2025.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk