

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Date:	May 12, 2015
Resolution No.:	2015-067
Motion by Commissioner:	Beard
Seconded by Commissioner:	Marschall

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-067; ADOPTING TRANSPORTATION TAX IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX AT 0.5 PERCENT AND \$20 EXCISE
TAX ON VEHICLE PURCHASES IN SCOTT COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Scott County has identified multiple needs on the County's Transportation System through its adopted 2009 Transportation Plan and subsequent corridor studies; and

WHEREAS, these needs include:

- Safety for motor vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians and transit users.
- Mobility that is critical for the economy of our county, region and the state.
- Two Inter-Regional Corridors that provide important connections for people and freight between the Twin Cities and Southern Minnesota.
- Three County Highways as Principal Arterial corridors that need to be managed and invested in a manner to support mobility within the County.
- Transit capital and operating dollars to make critical system connections; and

WHEREAS, the County has recognized that state and regional funding to address transportation needs within Scott County will be inadequate; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Minnesota State Legislature provides the County with a transportation tax option that will enable the County to provide leadership to raise revenues to address these needs; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Minnesota State Legislature enabled counties the ability to adopt the local sales tax for transportation purposes by resolution after holding a public hearing (Chapter 117, Article 3, Section 25, now incorporated in Minn. Stat. 297A.993, Subd. 1); and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Minnesota State Legislature enabled counties the ability adopt the \$20 per motor vehicle excise tax (for vehicles purchased or acquired from any person engaged in the retail business of selling motor vehicles) by resolution after holding a public hearing (Chapter 117, Article 3, Section 25, now incorporated in Minn. Stat. 297A.993, Subd. 1); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Minn. Stat. 297A.993, the County has held a public hearing, held an on-line forum to obtain public input and solicited input on the use of transportation tax proceeds from the Cities, Townships, MnDOT, and transit agencies serving the County; and

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WHEREAS, the County, after public input, has identified safety and mobility as the primary qualifying criteria and has further identified specific technical criteria to be used in the development and prioritization program of projects for the Transportation Tax Implementation Plan:

1. Inter-Regional Corridors and Principal Arterials.
2. Grade separations and frontage roads that have been identified in accepted corridor studies on Principal Arterials.
3. Improved connectivity and capacity on the Principal Arterial system (current and future).
4. Improved intersection operations on county highway and state trunk highway intersections.
5. Improved transit service to other major system connections and job concentration areas within the County.

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the following projects will be eligible for funding within the Transportation Tax Implementation Plan:

1. An Overpass or Interchange project at TH 169 connecting to County Highway (CH) 3
2. County Highway (CH) 8 Extension from Trunk Highway (TH) 169 to TH 21 in St. Lawrence and Belle Plaine Townships
3. TH 169 / TH 282 / CH 9 Interchange in Jordan
4. TH 169 / TH 41 / CH 78 Interchange in Louisville and Jackson Townships
5. Highway 169 Frontage Road System from CH 69 to CH 9 in Jackson, Louisville, and Sand Creek Townships
6. CH 17 Grade Separations at CH 14, CH 82 and TH 282 / TH 13 in Shakopee, Prior Lake, and Spring Lake Township
7. TH 13 / CH 21 Intersection Improvements in Prior Lake
8. TH169 Corridor and Bloomington Ferry Bridge Capacity and Transit-way Improvements in Shakopee
9. TH 13 / CH 42 Intersection Improvements and Six-Lane Design in Prior Lake and Savage
10. TH Highway 13 Corridor Improvement (Frontage Roads between Dakota & Yosemite) in Savage
11. TH 13 Corridor Improvements (Chowen Ave. Overpass/Interchange) in Savage
12. I-35 / CH 2 Interchange Reconstruction In Elko New Market Area
13. I-35 / CH 86 Interchange in Elko New Market Area
14. Transit Operating & Capital – Countywide – \$1 million annually for capital and operations – with \$960,000 designated for capital to purchase 6 buses for enhanced northern Scott County fixed route service and remaining dollars annually available for fix route transit operations and for enhanced dial-a-ride transit services as designated by the Board.

WHEREAS, annually through the update of the Transportation Improvement Program, transportation tax projects will be considered for programming based on safety need, project readiness, and funding leverage opportunities by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wants to implement the tax for transit capital and highway improvement projects to a limited period of time; and,

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WHEREAS, upon completion of this Implementation Plan; or, the date specifically established by the Board of Commissioners within this resolution, the transportation tax for transit capital and highway improvements will be dissolved by the Board of Commissioners as required by Minnesota State Statute.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Scott, Minnesota, hereby adopts the Transportation Tax Implementation Plan.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes and imposes a 0.5 percent sales tax and \$20 excise tax on retail vehicle sales as provided under Minnesota State Statute 297A.993 commencing October 1, 2015; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the 0.5 percent sales tax and \$20 excise tax on retail vehicle sales as provided under Minnesota State Statute 297A.993 for for transit capital and highway improvements to be continuing each subsequent year thereafter until revenues raised are sufficient to finance the identified capital projects; or, on December 31, 2022; whichever occurs first; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 297A.99, Subdivision 4 and 6 through 13, shall govern the implementation, administration, collection and enforcement of the tax; and

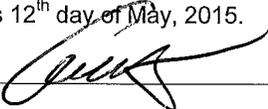
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County auditor/treasurer to certify the tax to the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue for collections of the taxes on or before July 1, 2015.

COMMISSIONERS	VOTE			
Wagner	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Wolf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Beard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Marschall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Ulrich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain

**State of Minnesota)
County of Scott)**

I, Gary L. Shelton, duly appointed qualified County Administrator for the County of Scott, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Scott County, Minnesota, at their session held on the 12th day of May, 2015 now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at Shakopee, Minnesota, this 12th day of May, 2015.



County Administrator

Administrator's Designee