

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made effective this ____ day of _____ 2023, by and between Weber County and Hooper City (collectively the “Parties” or individually the “Party”), and witnesses that:

WHEREAS, Utah Code Annotated §59-12-2217, the County Option Sales and Use Tax for Transportation and Utah Code Annotated §72-2-117.5, the Local Transportation Corridor Preservation Fund provides the opportunity for a council of governments and the local legislative body to prioritize and approve funding for transportation and transit projects or services, and

WHEREAS, the Weber Area Council of Governments (WACOG) is the council of governments with the authority to work with Weber County, the local legislative body, to prioritize and approve funding for such projects; and

WHEREAS, the 5500 West (“Project”) in the City is among the qualified projects prioritized for funding by WACOG and the County Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to widen and improve 0.83 miles of roadway on 5500 West from 4200 South to 3550 South; and

WHEREAS, the City originally submitted a timely and complete application/request to the WACOG, and accordingly such request was approved by the WACOG on November 5, 2018 and subsequently approved by the Weber County Commission on November 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City submitted an amendment request for additional Sales Tax Funds and such request was approved by WACOG on January 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City was previously awarded \$344,460 in Corridor Preservation Funds and \$3,331,449 in Sales Tax Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City previously committed local matching funds in the amount of \$200,000 towards the project; and

WHEREAS, the County has committed additional Sales Tax Funds in the amount of \$2,100,000 programmed for calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City has committed additional matching funds in the amount of \$126,000; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City propose to enter into this Agreement to establish the terms and conditions the County and the City will be bound to in regard to this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

**SECTION ONE
INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

A. Introduction and Project Background.

5500 West is an important collector street between 4000 South and 5500 South that runs from the north boundary of West Point all the way through Hooper City.

Hooper City intends to improve and widen 0.83 miles from 4200 South to 3550 South. Several of Hooper City's businesses are located along this corridor, including the Hooper City Civic Center and North Park.

This area of Hooper north of 4000 South and along 5500 West has seen the highest growth pressure in the City and that growth is going to begin to take its toll on the safety of vehicles and pedestrians using the roadway.

With the existing asphalt road north of 4000 South being barely 20 feet wide in most places, 5500 West in Hooper will have a very difficult time handling the projected additional traffic coming from many dozens of new homes being proposed and constructed in the area.

The project will include intersection improvements at 4000 South, paved shoulders and will reconstruct the existing asphalt street sections. The project also includes many improvements to access, safety, drainage, sidewalks, cross walks, curb and gutter, as well as center turn-lanes at the major intersections that will drastically improve safety in the area.

B. County Obligations.

1. The County agrees to reimburse up to an additional \$2,100,000 programmed for calendar year 2023 for the cost of construction and construction related expenditures from the County Option Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Fund.
2. The County's payment obligations will arise only after the following conditions are met:
 - a. The City submits to the County appropriate evidence of expenditures that qualify for reimbursement under this Agreement; and
 - b. The City submits to the County appropriate evidence of expenditures of at least \$326,000 of the City's matching funds towards the project.

3. If the City does not expend and seek reimbursement for the full amount approved, then the appropriate County Local Transportation Fund will retain the remaining funds
4. The County is not responsible for the construction, maintenance, or completion of the project.
5. The City acknowledges that the County cannot guarantee the payment of funds not yet appropriated, including the funds described in paragraph B.1. While the County may not use those funds for purposes or projects that have not gone through the WACOG process, which is outlined in Utah Code Annotated § 59-12-2217, there is no guarantee that the applicable tax revenue will be sufficient to fund all approved projects. If there is a funding shortfall at the time the County prepares its budget for one of the years referenced in paragraph B.1 then notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the County may, without penalty or liability of any kind, appropriate for the Project a proportional amount, as follows: the County shall calculate the ratio of money promised for this Project to the total promised money for WACOG approved projects for the year, and then the County shall multiply that ratio by the actual funds anticipated to be available for WACOG approved projects at the time the County prepares its budget for the year. Here is an example using hypothetical numbers:

Assume the County has promised \$1,250,000 for this Project for the year 2025. If the County promised a total of \$25,000,000 for WACOG approved projects for 2025, then the ratio would be 5%. If, at budget preparation time, the available funds were only anticipated to be \$15,000,000, then the County would only be obligated to pay 5% of the \$15,000,000 to this Project, or \$750,000.

If the County pays a reduced, proportional amount as set forth above, it shall continue to pay proportional amounts of the funds available for WACOG approved projects in subsequent years, and shall not approve new projects to use those funds for those years, until the full amount set forth in this Agreement has been paid. The City specifically acknowledges and agrees that in the event of a funding shortfall, the County shall not be obligated to make up the difference using the County's general funds or any other funding source.

C. City Obligations.

1. The City shall be responsible for the construction, maintenance, and completion of the project.

2. The City shall ensure that all applicable local, state and federal guidelines are followed with respect to property acquisition, description and recording.
3. The City shall comply with all program policies that have been adopted by WACOG. Should any of them conflict with state or federal law, the conflicting provisions of state or federal law shall control.

D. Joint Obligations.

1. The Parties agree to jointly develop accounting and reporting procedures for the use and distribution of transportation funds.

E. Miscellaneous.

1. Indemnification. Because the County is only providing funding for this project, the City agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County, its officers, employees and agents from and against all claims, suits and costs, including attorney's fees for injury or damage of any kind, arising out of the City's acts, errors or omissions in the performance of this project.
2. Modification. This Agreement may be modified only upon the written agreement of both parties.
3. Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be administered and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah.
4. Default. The County may declare a default, terminate this Agreement, and cease further payments if: (1) the City fails to obtain or provide its share of the funding; (2) the project changes in any material way from what WACOG approved; or (3) the project is not timely completed pursuant to WACOG policies and procedures. Additionally, if a default is declared by the County, the City agrees to return all funds that have already been paid under this Agreement.
5. Term. This Agreement shall terminate after satisfaction of all obligations accrued or incurred hereunder, or upon completion or cancellation of the Project referenced herein.
6. Notice. Any notice or certification required or permitted to be delivered under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given when personally delivered, or if mailed, three business days after deposit of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, certified, or registered, return receipt requested, properly addressed to the following respective addresses:

Board of Weber County Commissioners
2380 Washington Blvd., Suite 320, Ogden, UT 84401

Hooper City
5580 West 4600 South, Hooper, UT 84315

7. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of proper jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
8. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one of the same instrument.
9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties, and no statement, promises or inducements made by either Party or agents for either Party that are not contained in this Agreement shall be binding or valid.
10. Waiver. No failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement on account of any breach thereof, shall be considered as a waiver of any right to enforce provisions of this Agreement concerning any subsequent or continuing breach.
11. Dispute Resolution. If a dispute arises regarding this Agreement, the Parties shall first attempt informal negotiations to resolve the dispute before taking legal action. If that fails, then the Parties may, but are not required to, pursue other means of alternative dispute resolution before taking legal action. In any legal dispute, each party shall be responsible for paying its own costs, including attorneys' fees, regardless of the outcome of the dispute.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed by their duly authorized officers as of the day, month, and year first above written.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WEBER COUNTY

By _____
Gage Froerer, Chair

Commissioner Harvey voted _____
Commissioner Bolos voted _____
Commissioner Froerer voted _____

ATTEST:

Ricky Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor

HOOPER CITY

By 
Title: mayor