

## Voter Information Pamphlet

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### Proposition 1 - An Opinion Question to Provide Funding for Transportation Improvements

Shall Millard County, Utah, be authorized to impose a quarter-of-one-percent (0.25%, the equivalent of 1 cent for every \$4.00 spent) sales and use tax for the specific purpose of transportation improvements, such as roads, trails, sidewalks, maintenance, and traffic and pedestrian safety features, with revenues divided among the county, cities and towns, within the County?

- For?
- Against?

Arguments for or against a ballot proposition are the opinions of the authors.

#### Argument For:

We all want our children and grandchildren to enjoy a wonderful quality of life now and in the future. Utah's cities and counties face a growing population, deteriorating roads, and local budgets that fail to keep up with mounting maintenance costs. The need is visible on our streets and sidewalks. Deteriorated roads result in more wear and tear on our vehicles, hampered economic prosperity, and a diminished quality of life.

With new funding through Proposition 1 (a sales tax for LOCAL transportation), local elected leaders can prepare for population growth, take better care of our roadways and sidewalks, and promote economic prosperity in our community.

Proposition 1 will provide a substantial piece of the local transportation puzzle. For **just one cent** of every **four dollars** spent—excluding food and fuel purchases—we can help maintain our local city and county roads.

The cost of doing nothing is far higher for the average Utah family than the local option sales tax. Proposition 1 would cost the average person \$35 a year, but our current road disrepair costs the average driver over \$600 more a year in added fuel use, tire wear, and extra vehicle maintenance. In addition, for every dollar we invest now in infrastructure, we save \$6 in repair and \$10 in reconstruction work. We know that roads cost more taxpayer dollars when they are not maintained. Things like slurry seals, chip seals and overlays, that help keep roads in good shape cost money, but they are far less expensive than going without maintenance and having to completely rebuild a road years later. Choosing to maintain our roads today is the financially responsible and fiscally conservative approach for families.

Proposition 1 is dedicated exclusively to *local* transportation. Prop 1 is not for the construction of major highways, nor will it fund the overhead of large agencies. Prop 1 will fund things that are close to home—the transportation options you use and need the most. It will also fill a nasty pothole on your local street or finish a sidewalk between your house and your children's school.

More than 120 cities and towns across Utah (including most of the cities and towns in Millard County) passed resolutions supporting Prop 1.

Voting "Yes" will save Utah families money, protect the local businesses, and preserve our quality of life.

Signed,  
Millard County Commission

#### Argument Against:

No argument submitted.

#### Public Meetings to Discuss Proposition 1

**When:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at 6:30 P.M.

**Where:** Millard County Commission Chambers (50 South Main; Fillmore)

AND

**When:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

**Where:** Millard County Satellite Offices (71 S 200 W; Delta)



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## Objective Summary of Estimated Financial Impact

The following information presents the cost to the taxpayer and the estimated revenue for the cities, Millard County, and the Utah Transit Authority, if the 0.25% Local Option Sales Tax were implemented. It is not intended to be an argument for or against the proposition - it is provided solely to inform voters about the likely impact of the change if adopted.

**Cost to Taxpayer:** 0.25% = 2.5¢ on a \$10.00 purchase, or \$10.025.

**Estimated Revenue:** based on FY16 taxable sales of \$180,000,000

Estimated Local Option Sales Tax Revenue			
	All Cities & Unincorporated Areas 0.10% (40% of total)	Millard County 0.15% (60% of total)	Combined 0.25% (100% of total)
Estimated Sales Tax Revenue	\$180,000	\$270,000	\$450,000

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