

## CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS QUESTION B5

SHALL CITY TAXES BE INCREASED \$6,744,000 ANNUALLY BY LEVYING A 1/10% SALES/USE TAX FOR PUBLIC WORKS/ TRANSPORTATION/ ROAD MAINTENANCE/ EQUIPMENT CAPITAL/ OPERATING NEEDS AND CONSTITUTING VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE?

If approved, the City of Colorado Springs shall be authorized to increase its sales and use tax rate by 1/10% (one penny on a \$10 purchase) to fund public works/transportation/road maintenance personnel, equipment and operations, including necessary internal support, to improve the condition of City streets and improve traffic congestion and safety as recommended by the Citizens' Coordination Committee of the Springs Community Improvements Program (SCIP 01) and as approved by City Council, and without limiting the collection or spending of any other revenues or funds by the City under TABOR, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and Section 7-90 of the City Charter, and without the increase being subject to TABOR under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and Section 7-90 of the City Charter. If this question is approved, the existing sales and use tax rate of 2.1% established in the City Code will be increased by 1/10% (one penny on a \$10 purchase) dedicated to public works/transportation/road maintenance uses set forth above to make an effective sales and use tax rate of 2.2% as of January 1, 2002. This tax will not affect purchases of food for domestic home consumption, prescriptions, residential utility bills and other items as detailed in the City Code. This increase in sales and use tax will be placed in a dedicated fund and will not replace local funds already budgeted for public works/transportation/road maintenance operations. Funding will be dedicated to personnel, equipment, and operations to include:

- \* Additional funds allocated to enhance the street overlay, pothole patching, and resurfacing program. (21 additional personnel)
- \* Expanded intersection safety and congestion mitigation efforts. (24 additional personnel)
- \* Resources allocated to enhance traffic signal synchronization and provide additional longer life pavement markings. (2 additional personnel)
- \* Additional resources for street and bridge maintenance including snow removal to improve roadway safety. (8 additional personnel)
- \* Additional streetlights and replacement of streetlights to meet citywide needs.
- \* Three year express bus program to help mitigate traffic congestion.
- \* Additional stormwater drainage maintenance. (8 additional personnel)

YES

NO