

Resolution

No. 6 -80

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WHEREAS, the continuing energy problem of increased gasoline prices and dwindling future oil resources has greatly increased the demand for public transportation in Bexley and Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, to meet the increased demand for public transportation the Federal government is targeting billions of dollars from the oil windfall profit tax and other sources which in order to be utilized by local transit authorities will have to be matched by local revenues; and

WHEREAS, the current .5 mill property tax which has provided the Central Ohio Transit Authority with operating resources will be eliminated in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Central Ohio Transit Authority, in meeting these needs and particularly the need to upgrade present equipment and facilities, is seeking on the June ballot the authority to levy a tax upon certain retail sales within its territory; and

WHEREAS, the COTA Board has worked closely with public officials, community leaders, and the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce to develop a transit package that is fiscally sound and frugal both in the services it will fund and by the fact that the projected amount of funds to be received in the five year program will be adequate for six years with no sales tax collected in the sixth year; and

WHEREAS, among the benefits that this levy will provide are the addition of twenty four new routes, late night service on all major routes, expanded weekend service, additional peak and off-peak service, as well as new bus stop signs and newspaper shelters;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That we do hereby endorse the Central Ohio Transit Authority's sales tax levy and urge voter support for the passage of this much needed issue.

Section 2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Board of Trustees of the Central Ohio Transit Authority.

Adopted: April 22, 1980

Attest:

John H. Hoenig
Clerk of Council

John H. Hoenig
President of Council

Approved:

April 22, 1980

David H. Madison
David H. Madison, Mayor