

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE, NEVADA, SUBMITTING AN ADVISORY QUESTION TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, ASKING WASHOE COUNTY VOTERS WHETHER THEY SUPPORT AN ANNUAL ROAD USE FEE ON ALL ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES REGISTERED IN WASHOE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, Washoe County (the “County”), in the State of Nevada (the State”), was duly organized and created pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statute (“NRS”) 243.340 and is operating as a county under NRS Chapter 244 and the general laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board” or the “Governing Body”) has authority to ask the advice of registered voters of the County regarding a question that the Board has under consideration (“Advisory Question”) at any general election pursuant to NRS 295.230; and

WHEREAS, to place an Advisory Question on the ballot at a general election for the consideration of the registered voters of the County pursuant to NRS 295.230(2)(a), the Governing Body must adopt a resolution that sets forth certain information as required by NRS 295.230(2)(a)(1) (I – III); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body must provide said adopted resolution to the County Clerk on or before the third Monday in July preceding the general election; and

WHEREAS, the funding that the County and the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, established pursuant to NRS 277A (“RTC”), rely upon for Washoe County’s transportation systems comes primarily from taxes on motor vehicle fuel; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the vehicle miles traveled growth has outpaced growth in fuel tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, drivers of electric and hybrid vehicles pay no, or a fraction of, local fuel taxes yet still utilize the roads of Washoe County and place wear and tear on those roads without equally paying into the fund that ensures the roads are properly maintained and repaired by RTC; and

WHEREAS, as of 2026 the National Council of State Legislators reports that forty-one (41) states now charge a special registration fee on electric vehicles, and thirty-four (34) states assess a similar fee on hybrid vehicles to support funding for

transportation systems and Nevada does not charge any such fee on electric or hybrid vehicles in any jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2026, the RTC voted unanimously to recommend that the Governing Board place an Advisory Question regarding road use fees for electric and hybrid vehicles on the ballot at the general election to be held November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has determined that it is necessary and advisable that such an Advisory Question be placed on the ballot at the general election to be held November 3, 2026, to submit to the electors of the County the question in the form set forth in this resolution.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “2026 Streets and Highways Funding Advisory Question Resolution” (the “Resolution”).
2. The Board hereby finds and declares the necessity of placing the Advisory Question on the ballot for the Election for the purpose of asking the advice of the registered voters of the County whether they support an annual road use fee on all electric and hybrid vehicles registered in Washoe County for necessary additional funding for transportation projects that will reduce traffic congestion, repair and maintain roads, and improve air quality.
3. The Election is hereby designated, ordered, and called to be held in conjunction with the State general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at which time there shall be submitted to the voters of the County the Advisory Question hereinafter set forth in this Resolution. The Election shall be conducted in the manner provide by NRS Chapter 293 and all laws amendatory thereof (the “General Election Act”).
4. The Advisory Question is advisory in nature and does not place any legal requirement on the Governing Body, any member of the Governing Body, any officer of the political subdivision, or the Nevada Legislature.
5. The County Clerk shall provide the County Registrar of Voters with a copy of the Advisory Question (including an explanation of the Advisory Question plus a digest thereof, and a description of the anticipated financial effect) substantially in the forms as set forth in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, to be submitted to the registered voters of the County.
6. The Board of County Commissioners shall follow the procedure set forth in NRS 295.121 with respect to appointment of committees to prepare

arguments advocating and opposing approval of the Question.

7. Nothing in this Resolution prevents the inclusion in the ballots of provisions for the expression by the qualified registered voters of the County of their choice for any question or proposals other than the Question submitted at the Election.
8. Immediately after the closing of the polls, the election officers shall proceed to canvass the votes cast on the Question, and certify the results so disclosed to the Governing Board.
9. Within five (5) working days of the Election, the Governing Board shall meet and publicly canvass the returns.
10. All action heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution) by the Board and by the officers of the County relating to the Question is ratified, approved and confirmed.
11. The officers of the County are authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.
12. All orders, bylaws and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the Resolution, are hereby repealed. This repealer shall not construe to revive any bylaw, order or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.
13. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.
14. This Resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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Chair

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Washoe County Clerk

## **EXHIBIT “A”**

### **Washoe County Advisory Ballot Question No. \_\_\_\_**

THIS QUESTION IS ADVISORY AND NON-BINDING: Do you support an annual road use fee on all electric and hybrid passenger vehicles registered in Washoe County, which would be adjusted annually for inflation? These fees are intended to approximate the annual contribution that owners of gasoline powered vehicles pay per year in local fuel taxes to support local transportation infrastructure. The revenue from these fees would be dedicated to the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County subject to annual audits and public disclosure of spending, and the revenue would be used solely for the funding of transportation projects that will reduce traffic congestion, repair and maintain roads, improve air quality, and increase safety.

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

### **EXPLANATION & DIGEST**

**EXPLANATION** – This is an advisory question only. Results may only be taken to the Nevada legislature for potential further action.

In Washoe County, owners of gasoline powered vehicles pay federal, state and local fuel taxes when they pay for fuel at the pump. This advisory question relates to the Washoe County local portion of the fuel tax. Owners of electric vehicles do not pay this Washoe County local fuel tax, or any of the other portions of the fuel tax, and owners of hybrid vehicles pay considerably less in these fuel taxes. Local fuel taxes paid at the pump by drivers in Washoe County fund the construction, maintenance and repair of existing and future roads in Washoe County. However, drivers of electric and hybrid vehicles who pay no or a fraction of local fuel taxes are still utilizing the roads of Washoe County and putting wear and tear on them without equally paying into the fund that ensures the roads are properly maintained and repaired.

Therefore, the advisory question is asking the voters of Washoe County if they support changing the law to authorize Washoe County to enact an annual fee on electric and hybrid passenger vehicles, which would be adjusted annually to account for inflation. The amount of the fee would be approximately the same amount that owners of gasoline powered vehicles pay annually in local fuel tax to be in parity with what gasoline powered vehicle owners pay towards the maintenance and repair of roads in Washoe County.

The authority to enact a fee as described in the advisory question can only be extended to Washoe County through the passage of legislation by the Nevada State Legislature. Therefore, following the November 2026 General Election in which this advisory

question will appear on the ballot for Washoe County voters, the earliest legislation could be contemplated to authorize the enactment of this fee will be the 2027 (84<sup>th</sup>) Nevada Legislative Session, which does not commence until the first Monday of February 2027.

**A “Yes” vote would advise lawmakers that you approve the Nevada Legislature authorizing an annual fee as described in this explanation on electric and hybrid passenger vehicles in Washoe County.**

**A “No” vote would advise lawmakers that you do not approve the Nevada Legislature authorizing an annual fee as described in this explanation on electric and hybrid passenger vehicles in Washoe County.**

This question is advisory in nature and does not place any legal requirement on the governing body, any member of the governing body, any officer of the political subdivision or the Nevada Legislature.

**DIGEST** – This advisory question, if approved, will not create, generate, increase or decrease any public revenue in any form if approved by the voters of Washoe County. The fee proposed by this question is advisory only and does not add to, repeal or change any existing state law or local ordinance. The fee proposed in the question for electric and hybrid vehicles is not currently enacted into, nor authorized by, any existing state law, local ordinance or otherwise in Nevada law.

### **Description of Anticipated Financial Effect**

The fees outlined in this advisory question are not legally binding. As such, there is no direct anticipated financial effect tied to the voter approval of the advisory question. The advisory question itself would not automatically impose an annual fee on owners of electric vehicles nor an annual fee on the owners of hybrid vehicles. The Nevada Legislature would need to enact legislation to authorize the collection of the fees described in the advisory question, and because it is not known whether the Legislature may choose to implement the fees as described herein, or how the Legislature may choose to implement these fees, the anticipated financial effect cannot be determined with certainty at this time.

Should the Legislature authorize the imposition of the fees described herein on owners of electric and hybrid passenger vehicles, the average annual cost that is expected to be incurred by the affected users would depend on the value of the fee imposed on the

electric and hybrid vehicle and the number of electric and hybrid vehicles an individual has registered in Washoe County.

The fees described in the advisory question would be imposed on the affected users on an annual basis. The advisory question does not contemplate an expiration date or a specific time period for the imposition of the fees.

Should the Legislature authorize the imposition of the fees described herein, RTC Washoe does not expect or foresee additional expenses to be incurred to pay for the programs or services funded by the fees.

### **Arguments For / Against Passage**

**Argument Advocating for Approval of the Question:** *[To be provided by the committee advocating for the Approval of the Question.]*

**Argument Opposing the Approval of the Question:** *[To be provided by the committee opposing the Approval of the Question.]*

**Rebuttal to Argument Advocating for the Approval of the Question:** *[To be provided by the committee opposing the Approval of the Question.]*

**Rebuttal to the Argument Opposing the Approval of the Question:** *[To be provided by the committee advocating for the Approval of the Question.]*