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- Local voter approval
- A maximum rate of four (4) percent
- Mandatory sunset / renewal
- Limited range of taxable items (consistent with existing Resort Tax)
- Specified amount (minimum 10%) dedicated for property tax relief
- Use of funds to be limited to "Critical infrastructure," defined as local capital improvement and development that drives continued economic growth, including streets, roads, bridges, water supply, wastewater treatment, sewer and other locally-prioritized public facilities as defined in local petitions for the tax.

Responsibilities of the Parties

The parties agree to work together in a spirit of cooperation in order to advance their mutual goal of passing a local option tax bill through the 2017 Montana Legislature. More specifically, the Parties agree to:

1. Maintain their existing individual identities while energetically working within the construct of the Infrastructure Coalition to pursue their common interests, acknowledging that:
 - a. ACT's primary focus is to transform local communities via a local option bill.
 - b. MIC's purpose is to improve critical infrastructure via four infrastructure bills, including local option.
2. The Infrastructure Coalition will select sponsors and co-sponsors with input from all Coalition members. Messaging and legislative strategy will be led by the Coalition, while all members of the Coalition will be tasked with direct lobbying in full support of the package of Infrastructure Coalition bills.
3. ACT agrees to leverage its political resources, economic research, nearly 100 supporting entities, media partners, and other assets for the successful passage of the Bill.
4. ACT agrees to update its public education materials (website, PowerPoint, handouts, etc.) to conform with the agreed-upon key elements of the Bill identified above.
5. Both parties acknowledge that no contractual relationship is created between them, and neither is authorized to make representations for or bind the other. Nor are they given deliberative or participation benefits in each other's organizations beyond what might exist by virtue of their membership in the other organization.

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