

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4038

Introduced by

Senators Stenehjem, Grindberg, O'Connell

Representatives Berg, Boucher, Klein

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Administration and Congress to enact promptly a well-funded
2 and multiyear reauthorization of highway and transit programs.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21), authorizing
4 funding for federal-aid highway, transit, and safety programs, expired on September 30, 2003;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, federal aid has continued to be passed on to the states through a series of
7 short-term extensions; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the short-term program extensions enacted by Congress have forced
9 states and localities to delay construction of critical highway and transit projects, including
10 safety improvements; and

11 **WHEREAS**, further delay will increase project costs and further dilute the purchasing
12 power of federal transportation dollars; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a well-funded federal-aid highway and transit program is essential to the
14 economy and quality of life in North Dakota by creating and maintaining jobs in North Dakota,
15 facilitating commerce, and enabling North Dakotans to travel safely for business and personal
16 activities; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the formula for distribution of funds in TEA-21 provided a substantial net
18 influx of federal transportation funds to North Dakota, which is essential and proper because
19 our state has long stretches of federal highways and relatively few citizens to finance, maintain,
20 and improve these highways;

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
22 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

23 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Administration and Congress to
24 enact promptly a well-funded and multiyear reauthorization of highway and transit programs;
25 and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that under any federal funding, North Dakota's share of
2 overall program funds be at least as favorable as the state's share under TEA-21; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
4 resolution to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of the United States
5 Department of Transportation, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional
6 Delegation.