

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4038
(Senators Stenehjem, Grindberg, O'Connell)
(Representatives Berg, Boucher, Klein)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State