



Move MN Caucus Resolution

WHEREAS: Our quality of life and Minnesota's economic vitality depend on a transportation system with safe roads and bridges, and easy access to public transit;

WHEREAS: Minnesota's population and job growth is outpacing our current infrastructure and we must plan now for this expected growth;

WHEREAS: Nearly half of Minnesota's roads and bridges are more than 50 years old and in dangerous condition, making it harder to move people, goods and services to their next destination;

WHEREAS: Only 10 percent of jobs in the metro area are easy to get to by transit, and bus service is very limited in Greater Minnesota;

WHEREAS: Minnesota's aging population and persons with disabilities need adequate transit service throughout the state so people can live independently;

WHEREAS: Bike and pedestrian routes provide healthy, affordable, environmentally-friendly options for getting around, including for kids getting to school;

WHEREAS: We need transportation investments now to put people to work, expand our economy, and attract new businesses to our state;

WHEREAS: Roads/bridges and transit funding must move forward together to win legislative support;

RESOLVED: It is essential for the Minnesota Legislature to pass a comprehensive transportation funding package in 2014 that will generate new economic development opportunities throughout the state, help Minnesota retain and attract a talented workforce, create immediate jobs, and keep Minnesota economically competitive.