

Resolution to Address Transportation Problems

WHEREAS Washington State and the localities and counties within are dependent on intra- and interstate transportation systems;

WHEREAS these transportation systems include roadways (freeways, highways, and secondary roads with many bridges), railways with tracks and trestles, ferries, sea ports, and airports;

WHEREAS these systems are reaching or have exceeded their lifetime limits and are in need of critical and urgent attention before a major disaster occurs;

WHEREAS the impact of these systems with their failure or success touches citizens, industry and government at every level – local, county, state, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that these transportation modalities be kept operating effectively, efficiently (economically) and safely with minimal negative environmental impact;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Washington State Democratic Party supports immediately identifying and prioritizing transportation problems in Washington State and establishing a viable funding plan to resolve them; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee forward this resolution to the Washington State Delegation to the US Congress, the Washington State Legislature, the Governor, the Washington State DOT and the Federal DOT.

Submitted by the Skagit County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/12/2008)

The Resolutions Committee “AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A PASS” at its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.

The Washington State Democratic Convention “PASSED” this resolution at its June 14, 2008 meeting in Spokane.