

1                   **Coordinate Ride-Sharing and Public Transportation**  
2                   **to State Meetings and Conventions**

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4   **WHEREAS** the Energy and Environment Plank of the WSDCC Platform calls for  
5   “Expanded programs and incentives...to encourage energy conservation...” and  
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7   **WHEREAS** the Transportation Plank of the WSDCC Platform calls specifically for  
8   “measures to reduce pollution and dependence on fossil fuels;” and  
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10   **WHEREAS** the two statements quoted above represent the strongest language available  
11   in the platform regarding climate change, although climate change itself is not  
12   mentioned in the platform; and  
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14   **WHEREAS** it is important for the WSDCC to “walk the talk” regarding any policy or  
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17   **WHEREAS** aggressive action is needed to keep climate change from being even more  
18   disastrous than is already unavoidable; and  
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20   **WHEREAS** both President Obama and Governor Inslee have made clear their  
21   intentions to make climate change action a priority for their administrations;  
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23   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the WSDCC urges the Chair of the Washington  
24   State Democratic Central Committee, or his or her designee, to take active measures to  
25   coordinate ride-sharing, use of public transportation, and all other means available in  
26   order to reduce the overall carbon footprint of member attendance at WSDCC statewide  
27   meetings and conventions; and  
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29   **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that appropriate active measures could  
30   include, but not be limited to, chartering of buses to take party members from densely  
31   populated parts of the state to WSDCC events in other parts of the state, providing  
32   information about alternatives to driving to attendees along with encouragement to use  
33   said alternatives, considering ease of low-carbon transportation access when selecting  
34   meeting and convention locations, and organizing an electronic clearinghouse to help  
35   organize ridesharing from less-populated parts of the state to WSDCC events.  
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38   Submitted by the Eastern Washington Caucus to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for  
39   consideration at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 2/1/2014)  
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41   The WSDCC Resolutions Committee “AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A  
42   PASS” at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver.  
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44   The WSDCC “PASSED” this resolution at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver.