

FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats Central Committee (WSDCC) calls for the gas tax to be used in a more fiscally and environmentally sustainable manner by fully funding preservation and maintenance of our existing highway, road, and ferry systems, including modifications for salmon habitat recovery, rather than the unsustainable expansion of roads and highways, especially those through predominantly black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) and/or lower income neighborhoods;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WSDCC calls for the new carbon pricing revenue to be used exclusively for transformational investments that cannot be funded by the gas tax, including environmentally sustainable mobility and safety such as expanding public transit, passenger and freight rail, ADA compliance infrastructure, walkable Complete Streets, and other non-vehicular mobility;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be forwarded to the Chairs and Ranking Minority Members of the Washington House and Senate Transportation and Environment Committees, all Washington State Democrat legislators, and Governor Jay Inslee.

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