

Resolution: State Action Now for Transportation

Whereas: Safe, reliable transportation infrastructure including bridges, roads and local transit service in King County is critical for people being able to get to and from work and getting the economy back on track,

Whereas: In spring of 2013 the WA State House of Representatives passed a transportation package with local options for transit and transportation infrastructure funding and sent that proposal to the Senate for approval,

Whereas: The State Senate under the leadership of the Republican controlled Majority Coalition Caucus has refused to pass a transportation package to fund transit and fix bridges and roads,

Whereas: The Republican controlled Majority Coalition Caucus has continued to deny local communities such as King County a local option to fund transit by local ballot measure,

Whereas: Advocates for the environment, labor, business, education, human service and social justice have formed a coalition called "Move King County Now" to push for state action to fund transportation needs including ensuring a local options for transit service and fixing bridges and roads,

Whereas: The Metropolitan King County Council repeatedly supported full funding for countywide transit service and has lobbied relentlessly for local authority to maintain transit service to meet growing demand,

Whereas: Voters in King County have repeatedly supported funding for transit service,

Whereas: Recognizing the importance of immediate action on transportation, Governor Jay Inslee has publically stated his commitment to calling a Special Session this fall to allow the legislature to vote now to support a transportation package, and

Whereas: State legislative action now is necessary to preserve King County Metro transit service which serves nearly 400,000 riders each and every day and action now will protect transit from being forced to make a systemwide cut of 17% in 2014.

Now therefore, the 36th District Democrats urge immediate state action to pass a transportation package - one which includes local options for funding transit services in King County.