Fifty-ninth

Legislative Assembly of North Dakota SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4038

Introduced by

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Senators Stenehjem, Grindberg, O'Connel	Senators	Stenehie	em. Grin	idbera. O)'Connell
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Representatives Berg, Boucher, Klein

1	A concurrent resolution urging the Administration and Congress to enact promptly a well-funded
2	and multiyear reauthorization of highway and transit programs.
3	WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21), authorizing
4	funding for federal-aid highway, transit, and safety programs, expired on September 30, 2003;
5	and
6	WHEREAS, federal aid has continued to be passed on to the states through a series of
7	short-term extensions; and
8	WHEREAS, the short-term program extensions enacted by Congress have forced
9	states and localities to delay construction of critical highway and transit projects, including
10	safety improvements; and
11	WHEREAS, further delay will increase project costs and further dilute the purchasing
12	power of federal transportation dollars; and
13	WHEREAS, a well-funded federal-aid highway and transit program is essential to the
14	economy and quality of life in North Dakota by creating and maintaining jobs in North Dakota,
15	facilitating commerce, and enabling North Dakotans to travel safely for business and personal
16	activities; and
17	WHEREAS, the formula for distribution of funds in TEA-21 provided a substantial net
18	influx of federal transportation funds to North Dakota, which is essential and proper because
19	our state has long stretches of federal highways and relatively few citizens to finance, maintain,
20	and improve these highways;
21	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE
22	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
23	That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Administration and Congress to
24	enact promptly a well-funded and multiyear reauthorization of highway and transit programs;

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Delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under any federal funding, North Dakota's share of overall program funds be at least as favorable as the state's share under TEA-21; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of the United States

Department of Transportation, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional