

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4019**

Introduced by

Senators B. Stenehjem, Solberg, St. Aubyn

Representatives Belter, Freier, Koppelman

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the adequacy of transportation  
2 funding in North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, traffic has caused increased demands of the entire transportation system.  
4 Approximately eighteen million miles are traveled daily on North Dakota streets and highways.  
5 The North American Free Trade Agreement has increased truck volumes as much as fifty  
6 percent in one year on certain segments of North Dakota highways; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Devils Lake flooding situation has depleted transportation funds for all  
8 government agencies in the basin; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Four Bears Bridge is beyond the funding capacity of the North Dakota  
10 Department of Transportation; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the existing funding mechanisms were established in a different era and  
12 have not kept up with our changing economy or demographics; and

13 **WHEREAS**, there is increasing pressure for the federal government to fund only a small  
14 portion of the transportation program in each state; and

15 **WHEREAS**, existing funding sources have not kept pace with inflation, increases in  
16 usage or cost of providing transportation infrastructure;

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**  
18 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

19 That the Legislative Council is directed to study the adequacy of existing, and the  
20 potential for new, funding sources to meet system needs for North Dakota's entire  
21 transportation infrastructure; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and  
23 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
24 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.