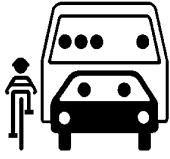


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Resolution to Support HB 5768, 5769, and 5770 To Maximise Use of Federal Transportation Funds

- Whereas,** the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) is the transportation planning agency responsible for the planning and allocation of federal funds for transportation in Washtenaw County and with membership from seventeen of the twenty-eight units of government, two universities, and two transportation agencies; and
- Whereas,** there is significant need for highway, bridge, transit, and non-motorized needs on both the State and the local system throughout the state; and
- Whereas,** the State and local agencies will not have enough funding to match federal funds without an increase in local revenues; and
- Whereas,** it is imperative that the State and local agencies not turn back federal funding for transportation;
- Whereas,** HB 5768 and 5769 were introduced by Reps. Ball, Byrnes, Nerat, Bauer, Lori, Gonzales, Donnigan, and Lindberg to increase the tax on gasoline to 23 cents beginning March 1, 2010, increase the gasoline tax to 27 cents beginning January 1, 2013; and
- Whereas,** HB 5768 and 5769 also would increase the tax of diesel fuel to 21 cents on March 1, 2010 and increases diesel tax to 27 cents on January 1, 2013 providing parity for the fuel taxes; and
- Whereas,** HB 5768 and 5769 also would also eliminate the discount provided for ethanol and biodiesel providing parity for the fuel taxes; and
- Whereas,** HB 5770 changes the transfer of funds from the Michigan Transportation Fund to the State Department from \$20 million to cover only the actual collection costs; and
- Whereas,** HB 5770 eliminates the set aside of one cent of the revenues for repair of state trunk line and local bridges; and

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Whereas, HB 5770 creates the Transportation Investment Fund and provides that all increased revenue after March 1, 2010 are deposited into the Transportation Investment Fund; and

Whereas, HB 5770 provides that ten percent of the funds increased revenue after March 1, 2010 and deposited into the Transportation Investment Fund shall be transferred into the Comprehensive Transportation Fund; and

Whereas, HB 5770 provides that the MDOT shall provide an accounting of the distribution of funds to the Michigan Legislature no later than 30 days after the end of the fiscal year and all agencies receiving funds from the Michigan Transportation Investment Funds will provide an accounting of the improvements funded annually to the public; and

Now therefore be it resolved, the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Policy Committee recommends that the State Legislature act immediately to approve these Bills and the Governor to sign them expeditiously:

Adopted on February 17, 2010

Jim Carson, Dexter Village
Councilmember
Chair, Washtenaw Area
Transportation Study Policy
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