



## Legislation Text

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Resolution to Support the Senate Adopted Transportation Funding Legislation and to Oppose the House Adopted Transportation Funding Legislation

Whereas, State gas tax revenue does not increase over time because the tax is based on consumption rather than cost;

Whereas, The state gas tax has remained unchanged since 1997;

Whereas, Federal-aid-eligible roads within the SEMCOG region have gone from a situation where 4 percent of the roads were determined to be in "poor" condition in 2004 to a point where 43 percent of the roads evaluated this year were categorized as "poor";

Whereas, Roads in poor condition cost vehicle owners additional expense in repairs and endanger those who travel on the roads;

Whereas, Local road agencies have reduced winter plowing and salting activities due to budget constraints, further endangering those who travel;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council identified fixing the roads as a top priority at the December 8, 2014 planning session;

Whereas, State transit share funding sources have remained unchanged since 1987;

Whereas, Ann Arbor voters recently showed their support for mass transit by passing a transit funding increase in 2014;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council supports increased funding for road and transit needs implemented over the quickest possible timeframe;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council opposes efforts to divert existing revenue sources that fund local government and local public schools in order to fund transportation needs;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council supports the Senate-passed package of bills to enhance transportation funding based on their ability to generate significant new revenue for our roads and transit systems phased-in over a reasonable period of time and containing provisions that will allow the funding to grow in future years;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council opposes the House-passed package of bills impacting transportation funding because they fail to generate enough revenue to reverse the deterioration of our roads, offer no relief for the immediate problems of underfunding, cripple our transit systems, divert a significant existing revenue stream from public schools and divert significant revenues from local governments.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Warpehoski and Briere and Mayor Taylor