

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

April 27, 2011

No. 11-04

Resolution on Transportation Funding

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WHEREAS, our present levels of congestion and our unsafe roads hinder our economic prosperity, erode our quality of life, and complicate numerous aspects of living and doing business in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, one million additional people are expected to move to the MSP metropolitan region in the next two decades, further exacerbating our already unacceptable traffic congestion; and

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WHEREAS, courageous and visionary legislative leadership is vital to forging a sustainable, long-term transportation plan for our state and region.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as elected leaders representing cities in Minnesota’s fast-growing 11-county metropolitan region, we hereby declare our belief that transportation has become one of the most vexing problems facing our communities and state. We call upon the leaders in the legislature to create a long-term solution to our transportation needs and, in the short-term, in order to keep our metropolitan area economy vital and flourishing, we call upon the legislature to exercise good judgment and

provide adequate funding for Metro Transit as well as all suburban transit providers, namely Minnesota Valley Transit Association (MVTA), SouthWest Transit, Plymouth Metrolink, Maple Grove Transit, Prior Lakes Laker Line, DARTS and Shakopee Transit, so as not to adversely affect the ability of all of our transit providers, whether urban or suburban, to move workers, students and the thousands of other residents who use those services on a daily basis to get to their jobs, to school or otherwise engage in important economic activity that benefits the region and the State of Minnesota; to not halt or otherwise defer or delay progress on transit projects, including the Central Corridor and the Southwest LRT; to do nothing legislatively that will impede planning for other rail and bus rapid transit projects presently underway; to be mindful that adequately funding our existing transportation system and having the foresight to continue the commitment to both plan and build out our future transit system is critical to the well being of our state and we urge the legislature to provide the kind of leadership and stewardship necessary to accomplish those goals.

Moved by: Lindstrom

Approved by: 
Peter Lindstrom, Mayor
April 27, 2011

LINDSTROM 3 In Favor
GOSLINE
HARRIS 0 Against *Absent*
LONG
MERCER-TAYLOR *Absent*

Attested by: 
Justin Miller
City Administrator
April 27, 2011



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Name of Mayor (Print)

Falcon Heights

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Signature