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**Resolution to Support State Action to ensure the Maximum use of
Federal Transportation Funds**

- Whereas,** the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) is a 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 three transportation agencies; and
- Whereas,** the Michigan Department of Transportation has presented information to the WATS Technical and Policy Committees that indicates that the State will be unable to match federal transportation funds beginning in 2011 unless a transportation budget bill is signed by the Governor that addresses the \$84 million state fund shortfall; and
- Whereas,** the amount of the State’s allocation of federal funds that is available to locals is restricted to 25%; 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 of Michigan only receives 92 percent of the federal tax dollars for highways it sends to Washington and it is imperative that the State not turn back federal funding for transportation and further reduce this percentage;

Now therefore be it resolved, the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Policy Committee recommends that the State Legislature act immediately to increase the funding available to match federal funds through the following actions:

- Increase the state funding through gas taxes and other fees to provide additional funding for transportation to enable the matching of all federal funds
- Enable the local option taxes for transportation that could be used to match both state and local federal funds, and

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Be it further resolved, that if the legislature does not act to increase funding available at the state level to match federal funds, that the legislature take the following actions to allow all federal funds from Michigan taxpayers and allocated to Michigan are spent in Michigan:

- Amend the requirement to remove the 75 state/25 local split of federal funds or increase percent of the federal funds that can be spent by locals to ensure that Michigan does not return federal transportation dollars that will be spent by other states,
- Eliminate the constitutional restriction on use of transportation funding that requires 90 percent of funding to be spent on roads

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