

MINNESOTA DFL RESOLUTION FORM

(NOTE: Incomplete forms may be rejected. Submit only one resolution per form. Resolutions that combine separate issues might not be considered.)

Congressional District: County Unit/Senate District: Precinct:

Proposed by: _____ (Name) _____ (City) _____ Contact Phone # / E-mail

This resolution is: **A new 2008 Action Agenda item.**
 [check one] A re-adoption of a 2006 Action Agenda item.
 An amendment of the Ongoing Platform.
 A Party Issue. *(Will not be included in the Action Agenda items presented to the state convention.)*
 A Local Issue (City/County). *(Forward to the appropriate elected body, not the Platform Commission.)*

This resolution should be considered under the following category: *[check one]*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Food | <input type="checkbox"/> National Security & International Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Community Development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources & the Environment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil, Human & Constitutional Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety & Crime Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax & Budget Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government Accountability to the Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Human Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Local or Party Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment | |

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(Print or attach your resolution here. Any WHEREAS clauses or supporting statements should be included on the back of this form.)

Redirecting State Gas-tax Revenue to Roads and Bridges

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minnesota DFL endorses amendment of Minnesota Statute 296A.18 to delete diversion of the state’s gas-tax to motorized recreation.

Resolution on following page:

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: Adopted Defeated
by: A voice vote. A recorded vote of: _____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain
(A majority consists of more than half of those voting, not counting blanks and abstentions.)

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
AMENDMENT OF MINNESOTA STATUTE 296A.18 TO
DELETE DIVERSION OF STATE GAS-TAX TO MOTORIZED RECREATION**

WHEREAS, Minnesota roads and bridges are in many places in poor condition and are in need of repair and replacement;

WHEREAS, restoring the state's transportation infrastructure is a top priority;

WHEREAS, Minnesota's families and highway authorities are in need of additional revenue

WHEREAS, 50% of Minnesotans are opposed to increasing the state's gas-tax;

WHEREAS, 3% - \$16 million - of Minnesota's annually collected gas-tax appears to be unconstitutionally diverted to motorized recreation - the Minnesota Constitution dedicates 100% of gas-tax revenue to trunk highways, state-aid highways and municipal streets:

Sec. 5. HIGHWAY USER TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND. There is hereby created a highway user tax distribution fund to be used solely for highway purposes as specified in this article. The fund consists of the proceeds of any taxes authorized by sections 9 and 10 of this article. The net proceeds of the taxes shall be apportioned: 62 percent to the trunk highway fund; 29 percent to the county state-aid highway fund; nine percent to the municipal state-aid street fund.

WHEREAS, the diversion of gas-tax revenue results in many unwanted effects including:

- damage to right-of-ways
- trespass on private and public property
- damage to wetlands and forests
- misuse of public funds
- intrusion of noise, fumes and danger to others on private and public property

WHEREAS, restoration of the state's roads and bridges could be accomplished with less increased tax burden on Minnesotans by redirecting 3% of the state's gas-tax – currently being diverted to motorized recreation - back to roads and bridges;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Minnesota DFL endorses amendment of Minnesota Statute 296A.18 to delete diversion of the state's gas-tax to motorized recreation.

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