

**Proposed Resolution
of the
City of Minneapolis**

By Hodges

**Supporting passage of the proposed amendment to the Minnesota
Constitution dedicating all motor vehicle sales tax revenue to transportation.**

Whereas, Minnesota's transportation infrastructure forms the backbone of the state's economy and has a direct impact on future economic development; and

Whereas, too many Minnesotans are being killed in traffic crashes on dangerous roadways; and

Whereas, funding for highway and transit systems in Minnesota has remained stagnant and is failing to keep pace with growing population and growing demands; and

Whereas, local governments throughout the state are struggling to maintain local transportation systems while the state's gas tax has not been increased since 1988, and transit budgets have been cut in recent years; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Legislature has repeatedly turned to revenue from the motor vehicle sales tax, which has been viewed as user fee revenue, in order to fund both highway and transit systems, including the current dedication of 54% of motor vehicle sales tax for transportation purposes; and

Whereas, the Legislature passed a proposed constitutional amendment during the 2005 Legislative Session that would appear on the ballot November 7, 2006, asking voters if the remaining 46% of motor vehicle sales tax revenue currently used for other purposes should be used for highways and transit systems; and

Whereas, passage of this amendment would mean an increase in stable revenue for highway and transit systems throughout the state that would rise to approximately \$300 million per year once the transfer of revenue is fully phased-in by 2011;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis strongly supports passage of the proposed amendment to the Minnesota Constitution dedicating all of the motor vehicle sales tax revenue to transportation with at least 40% of the revenue for public transit assistance and not more than 60% of the revenue for highway purposes.