

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE STREETS FOR ALL SEATTLE

WHEREAS, transit service in the 34th Legislative District and throughout Seattle is too often unreliable or infrequent;

WHEREAS many neighborhoods in the 34th Legislative District lack safe sidewalks and street crossings for pedestrians;

WHEREAS, Seattle's Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Master Plan are underfunded (in 2008, only \$12 million of SDOT's \$200 million budget was spent on bicycle and pedestrian improvements);

WHEREAS the Seattle City Council in February 2010 adopted a goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030;

WHEREAS Seattle voters have strongly supported transportation initiatives, including 69% for Transit Now (2006), 53% for Bridging the Gap levy (2006), and 70% for Sound Transit 2 (2008);

WHEREAS we believe improvements to pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure

1. Create livable, walkable neighborhoods that attract residents and employers;
2. Create opportunities for all members of the community, including the young, the old, and the poor;
3. Create safer streets (there were 1,045 bike accidents between 2006 and 2008); and
4. Promote clean transportation choices that lessen our dependence on fossil fuels and reduce our production of greenhouse gases.

WHEREAS the City of Seattle's budget process for 2011 to 2012 begins with the mayor's submittal of a proposed budget on September 27 and ends with the council's adoption of a final budget by December 1.

WHEREAS the Streets For All Seattle campaign has recommended that the city create "Opportunity Funds" available for neighborhood use on selective projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be resolved that:

1. The 34th Legislative District Democrats joins over 60 community and nonprofit organizations in endorsing Streets For All Seattle's ongoing goal of making walking, bicycling and transit the easiest means of transportation in Seattle;
2. The 34th Legislative District Democrats supports Streets For All Seattle's effort to raise \$30 million in new dedicated annual revenue to stave off cuts in bus service, double the city's commitment to the underfunded Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans, and build critical elements of Seattle's transit infrastructure; and
3. The Chair of the 34th Legislative District Democrats shall recommend a member of the 34th to serve on the advisory committee of Streets For All Seattle.