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Whereas, the students of The University of Montana have demonstrated support for both sustainability projects as well as alternative transportation;

Whereas, the Associated Students of The University of Montana, through the Office for Transportation, have had a direct impact in changing students’ transportation habits, with more students biking or riding the bus each year;

Whereas, transportation in America is almost entirely dependent on oil and reducing our use, nationwide, of oil is vital to security, economic success, and personal and global health;

Whereas, our community values accessible, affordable, and sustainable living and commuting options that will bring us into the 21st Century in terms of transportation options;

Whereas, the reauthorization of the highway bill is pending in 2009 and the federal government is also considering plans to spend taxpayer dollars on infrastructure improvements through various stimulus packages and taxpayers deserve to have their voice heard in how that money is spent;

Whereas, the Transportation for America campaign is a partnership across the country of groups and individuals working to create a new transportation system that aligns transportation policies with economic, climate, energy security, health, and community development values.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that The Associated Students of The University of Montana join the Transportation for America Campaign,

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM work as a coalition partner to encourage the Montana congressional delegation to support the goals of this project in all legislation,

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM encourages other entities, both public and private in Missoula and in Montana to join this coalition.

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