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Resolution Regarding the ASUM Transportation Fee

March 9, 2011

Senate Bill SB25-10/11

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Whereas on February 9, 2011, ASUM unanimously supported referendum language regarding a $4.00 increase to the ASUM Transportation Fee for the 2011 elections;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana submit the attached language to a student referendum in April 2011.

Referendum Language: ASUM Transportation Fee

The Transportation Fee supports the ASUM Office of Transportation. The ASUM Office of Transportation offers the Park n Ride services, COT Shuttle, the late night UDASH bus, two-day bike check out, semester bike check out, individual trip planning, advocacy for community infrastructure improvement, incentive programs, and more. These services are designed to relieve traffic and parking congestion and reduce community and campus emissions along with increasing general education regarding the transportation options available to students.

A fee increase is needed to continue service due to rising costs of fuel and staff salary. Also, Surveys distributed to the student body show strong demand for additional services including winter session bus service, additional late bus service, and more Park n Ride service during the day.

A $4 per semester increase to the Transportation Fee would increase the current Park n Ride services, add additional late night service, and add winter session service as requested by 81.7% of those surveyed. This fee would allow ASUM Transportation to restore its bike parking budget and would allow ASUM Transportation to work toward replacing both the aging bike and bus inventories.

[ ] Yes, I approve a $4 per semester increase to the Transportation Fee to meet the above requests.

[ ] No, I do not approve a $4 per semester increase to the Transportation Fee.

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2011

Passed by ASUM Senate: ___________________________, 2011

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Travis Suzuki, Amanda Stovall,
Relations and Affairs Chair Chair of the Senate