



**ASMSU 2025-R-08**  
**Resolution in Support of the Transportation Fee Increase**

**Sponsor:** Ben Wilson  
**Co-Sponsors:** Lenny Triem  
Chris Timboe

**Yes: 18 No: 0 Senators Present: 18**  
**First Reading:** March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**Second Reading:** March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Vote Necessary:** Majority

  
**ASMSU Senate Speaker**

**Intent:** The Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) supports the proposed increase in the Transportation Fee for FY26 and FY27.

**Whereas**, the need and utilization of public transit both on Montana State University's (MSU) campus and Bozeman has a whole has increased in the past few years; and,

**Whereas**, the Transportation Fee, formerly known as the Bus Fee, was established by ASMSU to help fund the operations of the Streamline bus route that heavily serves the student population, offering an alternative way to get to campus; and,

**Whereas**, this fee has expanded to include the operations and management of the CatTracks campus shuttle that serves to alleviate campus parking issues and has already served 15,929 campus rides, with an upwards trend in ridership numbers; and,

**Whereas**, the ASMSU Senate has expressed its support for a separate Transportation Demand Management Fee to support such a program in the resolution 2019-R-12, but postponed the ballot referendum on this issue in both 2019 and 2020; and,

**Whereas**, the ASMSU Senate approved \$184,999, in 2025 to fund the operations of CatTracks in FY26 and 27, showing their continued support for this program; and,

**Whereas**, the operations of Streamline have been transferred to a Urban Transportation District (UTD), making it eligible for more federal funds and therefore will be needing less financial support for partners like ASMSU; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, the ASMSU Senate supports an increase of \$2.10 in FY26 and \$2.15 in FY27 to the Transportation Fee to continue to support Streamline at current levels and to support the continued operation and expansion of the CatTracks campus shuttle; and,

**Further Resolved**, submit this resolution to: Chair of the Montana University System Board of Regents, Todd Buchanan; MSU Vice President of Administration & Finance, Terry Leist; MSU Associate Vice President for University Budgets & Financial Services, Megan Lasso; Director of Parking Services, Randy Crandall; Chief of University Police Department, Mike Stanley; and ASMSU President, Jacob Zink.