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SUPPORTING THE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE TRANSIT ACT

In Los Angeles County, nearly four hundred million trips are taken on public transportation annually, highlighting the increasingly important role transit plays in regional mobility and as a critical lifeline for those within low-income communities, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and essential workers. Public transportation should be a safe, reliable, and affordable service for all users, and the employees of our county's transit agencies should feel safe when they clock into work each and every day.

As part of delivering an industry leading, multi-layered, public safety ecosystem, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) has approved a new Department of Public Safety and hired a Chief of Police & Emergency Management; is in the process of hiring additional public safety leadership and more than 600 new sworn officers; has retrofitted its buses with protective barriers for bus operators; implemented and is expanding reinforced fare gates and "Tap-to-Exit" technology; piloted weapons detection system technologies; and is implementing station treatments to reduce crime and increase customer experience.

On November 25, 2025, Congresswoman Laura Friedman introduced H.R. 6298, the Safe and Affordable Transit Act of 2025, which aims to improve safety on our transit systems, while reducing costs for local taxpayers by creating a new federal grant program. ~~to hire additional law enforcement officials and fund physical infrastructure improvements to improve public safety.~~

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~~This critical piece of legislation establishes a new federal grant program~~ As introduced, H.R. 6298 would authorize $50 million for each fiscal year between 2026 and 2030 for transit agencies such as LA Metro, Metrolink, and countywide municipal operators, to fund the hiring of additional police officers and/or contracting with outside law enforcement agencies to increase law enforcement presence on ~~our~~ public transportation and at transit stations. Additionally, these grant funds can be used for key physical ~~safety~~ infrastructure safety upgrades.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office's, Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch, to support H.R. 6298, the Safe and Affordable Transit Act of 2025.

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