

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, local agencies understand the mobility needs of their communities better than state or federal officials; and

WHEREAS, the continued addition of bicycle and alternative transportation facilities is a program of the City of Los Angeles to fully realize our Mobility Plan 2035, Vision Zero and Complete Streets goals; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2019 U.S. Senators Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) introduced Senate Bill S. 1098, also known as the Transportation Alternatives Enhancements Act, to amend Title 23 of the United States Code to make improvements to the existing Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), a program run by the United States Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, TAP is a collaborative federal transportation program that leverages federal and local funds to build bikeways and sidewalks to reduce traffic congestion, provide children with safe routes to school and give communities more affordable transportation options; and

WHEREAS, this bill, supported by the National League of Cities, puts more dollars in the hands of local agencies, extends obligation authority to large Metropolitan Planning Organizations so they can implement projects without having to wait for the state Department of Transportation, bolsters technical assistance available to all communities, allows for up to 100% of costs to be covered by federal funds for eligible safety projects and grows flexibility for matching funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for S. 1098 — 116th Congress: Transportation Alternatives Enhancements Act (Cardin) currently being heard by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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