

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, public transportation workers are vital to the safe, efficient, and affordable movement of people and to the economic prosperity of the country; and

WHEREAS, assaults on public transportation workers have been a growing problem, with daily reports of bus operators and rail transit employees being beaten, having items thrown at them, being spat upon, and being verbally abused; and

WHEREAS, Section 3022 of the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 5329) requires the Federal Transit Administration to issue new rules to establish rail and bus safety standards, practices, or protocols for protecting rail and bus operators from the risk of assault; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation has yet to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking relative to transit operator assaults, as required under federal law; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Grace Napolitano, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, and U.S. Representative John Katko have introduced H.R. 1139 that would amend the United States Code to require transit rail systems to develop public transportation operations safety risk reduction programs;

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 the "Transit Worker and Pedestrian Protection Act" (H.R. 1139) that would require the development of public transportation operations safety risk reduction programs.

PRESENTED BY:   
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