

Summary
Board Bill Number 52
Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn
June 18, 2026

An Ordinance pertaining to the Transit Sales Tax imposed pursuant to Section 94.660, RSMo., as adopted by the voters of St. Louis City on August 2, 1994, pursuant to Ordinance 63168 creating the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund” directing the Treasurer of the City of St. Louis to deposit funds received pursuant to said sales tax into the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund Account ONE” appropriating **\$13,529,900** from the said sales tax for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to the Bi-State Development Agency for certain purposes; and containing a severability and emergency clause.

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CO SPONSOR: PRESIDENT MEGAN GREEN**

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3 the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund” directing the Treasurer of the City of St. Louis to
4 deposit funds received pursuant to said sales tax into the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund
5 – Account ONE” appropriating **\$13,529,900** from the said sales tax for the period of July 1, 2026
6 through June 30, 2027 to the Bi-State Development Agency for certain purposes; and containing
7 a severability and emergency clause.

8 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Ordinance 65613, the City of St. Louis, Missouri, is
9 authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Bi-State Development
10 Agency and St. Louis County, Missouri, providing for the City’s annual appropriation of the sales
11 tax levied for public mass transportation purposes, and pursuant to provisions of Section 3.2 of the
12 MOA, the City shall transfer monthly to the Trustee, Bank of Oklahoma Financial, in immediately
13 available funds, moneys on deposit in the City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund account
14 attributable to the quarter-cent sales tax imposed pursuant to Ordinance 63168 and approved by
15 the voters on August 2, 1994;

16 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

17 **SECTION ONE.** All sales taxes collected pursuant to Section 94.660, RSMo., and Ordinance
18 63168 and distributed by the Director of Revenue to the Treasurer of St. Louis City as authorized
19 by Senate Bill 432 (the “Act”) as approved and adopted by the voters of St. Louis City on August

1 2, 1994, pursuant to Ordinance 63168, shall be deposited in a special trust fund, to be known as
2 the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund – Account ONE.”

3 **SECTION TWO.** There is hereby appropriated out the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund
4 – Account ONE,” subject to the conditions herein contained in Sections Four and Five, the amount
5 of **\$13,529,900**, for the period herein stated to the Bi-State Development Agency to be used for
6 the purposes authorized by the Act.

7 **SECTION THREE.** The Comptroller of the City of St. Louis is hereby authorized and directed
8 to draw warrants from time to time on the Treasurer of the City of St. Louis for payments to the
9 Bi-State Development Agency, as authorized herein on the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust
10 Fund – Account ONE” as the proceeds from the one-quarter percent (1/4%) sales tax authorized
11 by Section 94.660, RSMo., as approved and adopted by the voters of the City of St. Louis on
12 August 2, 1994, pursuant to Ordinance 63168, are received from the Director of Revenue of the
13 State of Missouri and are deposited in the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund – Account
14 ONE” as provided herein from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

15 **SECTION FOUR.** In no event shall the Comptroller draw warrants on the Treasurer of the City
16 of St. Louis for an amount greater than the amount of proceeds received from the Director of
17 Revenue of the State of Missouri and deposited in the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund”
18 during the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

19 **SECTION FIVE.** The sections of the Ordinances shall be severable. In the event that any section
20 of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or is
21 inconsistent with the ability of Bi-State to receive funding from the United States, the remaining

1 sections of the Ordinance are valid unless the court finds the valid or consistent sections of this
2 Ordinance are so essentially and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon, the void or
3 inconsistent section that is cannot be presumed that the Aldermen would have enacted the valid
4 sections without the void or inconsistent sections, or unless the court finds that the valid or
5 consistent sections, standing alone, are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance
6 with the legislative intent.

7 **SECTION SIX.** This Ordinance is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
8 peace, health and safety and it is hereby declared an emergency measure as defined by Article IV,
9 Section 20, of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and shall take effect immediately upon its passage
10 and approval by the Mayor of the City of St. Louis.