

Summary
Board Bill Number 53
Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn
June 18, 2026

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CO SPONSOR: PRESIDENT MEGAN GREEN**

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5 Trust Fund – Account TWO” appropriating **\$13,529,900** from the said sales tax for the period of
6 July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to the Bi-State Development Agency for certain purposes; and
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8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, AS FOLLOWS:

9 **SECTION ONE.** All sales taxes collected pursuant to Section 94.660, RSMo., and Ordinance
10 64111 and distributed by the Director of Revenue to the Treasurer of St. Louis City as authorized
11 by Section 94.660, RSMo. (the “Act”) as approved and adopted by the voters of St. Louis City on
12 November 4, 1997, pursuant to Ordinance 64111, shall be deposited in a special trust fund, to be
13 known as the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund – Account TWO.”

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

18 **SECTION THREE.** The Comptroller of the City of St. Louis is hereby authorized and directed
19 to draw warrants from time to time on the Treasurer of the City of St. Louis for payments to the

1 Bi-State Development Agency, as authorized herein on the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust
2 Fund – Account TWO” as the proceeds from the one-quarter percent (1/4%) sales tax authorized
3 by Section 94.660, RSMo., as approved and adopted by the voters of the City of St. Louis on
4 November 4, 1997, pursuant to Ordinance 64111, are received from the Director of Revenue of
5 the State of Missouri and are deposited in the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund – Account
6 TWO” as provided herein from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

11 **SECTION FIVE.** The sections of the Ordinances shall be severable. In the event that any section
12 of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or is
13 inconsistent with the ability of Bi-State to receive funding from the United States, the remaining
14 sections of this Ordinance are valid unless the court finds the valid or consistent sections of this
15 Ordinance are so essentially and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon, the void or
16 inconsistent section that is cannot be presumed that the Aldermen would have enacted the valid
17 sections without the void or inconsistent sections, or unless the court finds that the valid or
18 consistent sections, standing alone, are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance
19 with the legislative intent.

20 **SECTION SIX.** This Ordinance is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
21 peace, health and safety and it is hereby declared an emergency measure as defined by Article IV,

- 1 Section 20, of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and shall take effect immediately upon its passage
- 2 and approval by the Mayor of the City of St. Louis.