

RESOLUTION NUMBER 124

WHEREAS, Amalgamated Transit Union, Division 788 represents the highly trained and dedicated workers of Bi-State Development Agency d/b/a Metro (Metro) in the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Metro's workers provide efficient and courteous light rail, bus and para-transit services to commuters in the St. Louis area; and

WHEREAS, the wages and fringe benefits negotiated by the Amalgamated Transit Union, Division 788 provide jobs which support the economy of St. Louis and the St. Louis Metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, Amalgamated Transit Union, Division 788's collective bargaining agreement with Metro covering bus drivers, light rail operators, clerical, bus movers, material handlers and mechanics expired on June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Amalgamated Transit Union, Division 788 has been negotiating in good faith with Metro for over four years to reach a new collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, Metro has refused to sign a new agreement without demanding concessions that would put its employees' retirement at risk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we strongly urge the parties to reach an immediate, fair agreement that preserves and protects the retirement benefits of Metro's employees and we direct the Clerk of this Board to transmit an official copy of this resolution to the Chief Executive Officer of Metro.

Introduced on the 12th day of September, 2014 by:

Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5th Ward
Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 12th day of September, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen