

**Resolution Number 378**  
**Metro Funding**

**Whereas**, in an effort to restore transit service to the St. Louis region as soon as possible, Metro has requested a one-time emergency appropriation of Thirty-Five Million Dollars from the State of Missouri which, if obtained, will restore transit service to the St. Louis region; and

**Whereas**, numerous employees and employers are frustrated and are in danger of losing their jobs because they have lost their only means of transportation. Businesses are considering closing, because their employees are unable to get to work due to the elimination of over 2,300 bus stops and entire bus routes; and

**Whereas**, with the high cost of gasoline, tens of thousands of our fellow citizens are now forced to seek car pools or other transportation arrangements that can be difficult on a family struggling financially to make ends meet; and

**Whereas**, the difficult economic environment we face in the St. Louis region is headed into a prolonged downward spiral with the loss of our public transportation system. The loss of public transportation is poised to create a catastrophic economic disaster for thousands of workers and businesses in this region; and

**Whereas**, in addition to daily ridership service reductions, Metro will be forced to reduce special event ridership options. That means no special events trains will be added for Cardinals, Rams and Blues games. In 2009, St. Louis will host Major League Baseball's All Star Game. The region will be front and center on an international stage. A quality transit system will play a critical role in how our region is perceived and enjoyed by visitors from around the world. Service reductions will negatively impact the quality of special service that Metro will be able to offer during the festivities; and

**Whereas**, twenty-four percent (24%) of Metro's 2,320 employee workforce will lose their jobs. Both union and salaried positions will be lost. What's even a greater blow to the regional economy is that according to outside sources, as many as 12,000 to 16,000 jobs may be lost by those unable to access their current jobs; and

**Whereas**, in the midst of this public transportation crisis, thousands of hard working individuals, the elderly and members of the disabled community that depend on public transportation for their jobs, shopping, and medical appointments are depending on the State of Missouri to support this emergency appropriation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis endorses the request of Metro for an emergency appropriation of funds from the State of Missouri and strongly encourages the elected officials of the State of Missouri to afford Metro's request the greatest consideration and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Missouri, the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tem of the Senate of the Missouri General Assembly.

Introduced on the 6th day of April, 2009 by:

**Honorable Stephen M. Gregali, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 6th day of April, 2009 as attested:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen