

Resolution Number 113

WHEREAS, the price of gas has reached up to \$4.00 a gallon and is expected to continue to rise, placing a hardship on both residents and mass transit operators, as such mass transit services should be increased and subsidies for those services to operate should be given; and

WHEREAS, transit agencies are feeling the hit of the fuel increases and as a result passing this cost onto the commuters; and

WHEREAS, as the demand for public transit is increasing with the rise of fuel costs, an enormous strain is put on bus and the rail transit systems, which are in desperate need of upgrades, expansions and operating funds; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, young and old, rich and poor should expect mass transit which is user-friendly and accessible; and

WHEREAS, investment in mass transit is a productive investment and can stimulate immediate industrial job growth; and

WHEREAS, public transportation reduces congestion and also reduces the nation's energy needs and cuts carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, a need exists for a comprehensive and all-inclusive initiative which would support the effectiveness of public transportation for all citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to call upon the United States Congress to provide immediate funding for mass transit expansion and improvements of light rail, bus and subway systems and to provide immediate fuel subsidies for all mass transit operators to maintain or reduce current fares to entice more people into transit.

Be it further resolved that the Clerk of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

Introduced on the 20th day of June, 2008 by:

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward

Adopted this the 20th day of June, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

