

Summary
Board Bill Number 35
Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn
June 13, 2025

This Bill is the City's annual appropriation of the Transportation Sales Tax imposed pursuant to Section 94.600 through 94.655, RSMo., from the City Transportation Trust Fund in the amount of \$26,308,000 to the Bi-State Development Agency for transportation purposes for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This Bill contains an emergency clause.

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 35 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SHANE COHN
COSPONSORS: PRESIDENT MEGAN GREEN/ ALDERWOMAN ANNE SCHWEITZER**

1 An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$26,308,000** as described in Section 94.600 through
2 94.655, RSMo. 2000, as amended, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, which
3 sum is hereby appropriated out of the “Transportation Trust Fund” to the Bi-State Development
4 Agency for transportation purposes; and containing a severability and emergency clause.

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

6 **SECTION ONE.** There is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the
7 “Transportation Trust Fund,” subject to the conditions herein contained in sections three (3) and
8 four (4), the sum of **\$26,308,000**, as described and defined in Section 94.600 through 94.655,
9 RSMo. 2000, as amended for the period herein stated, which sum is hereby appropriated out of the
10 “Transportation Trust Fund” to the Bi-State Development Agency to be used exclusively and
11 without diversion in any way for public transit purposes pursuant to the section 94.600, RSMo.
12 2000.

13 **SECTION TWO.** The Comptroller of the City of St. Louis is hereby authorized and directed to
14 draw warrants from time to time on the Treasurer of the City of St. Louis for payments to the Bi-
15 State Development Agency, as authorized herein, on the “Transportation Trust Fund” as the
16 proceeds of the one-half percent (1/2%) sales tax authorized by Ordinance No. 56554, approved
17 June 29, 1973, are received from the Director of Revenue of the State of Missouri and are deposited
18 in the “Transportation Trust Fund” as provided by Ordinance No. 56584, approved October 9,
19 1973, as provided herein from July 1, 2025 until the 30th day of June, 2026. This authorization is

1 made subject to and conditional upon the Bi-State Development Agency submitting to the Board
2 of Estimate and Apportionment an annual evaluation report describing services provided and the
3 cost thereof including cost justifications for overhead rates and other management fees. The
4 receipt of any funds appropriated hereunder shall constitute consideration for the Bi-State
5 Development Agency's obligating itself to furnish the evaluation reports as required herein.

6 **SECTION THREE.** In no event shall the Comptroller draw warrants on the Treasurer of the City
7 of St. Louis for an amount greater than the amount of the proceeds received from the Director of
8 Revenue of the State of Missouri and deposited in the "Transportation Trust Fund" during the
9 period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

10 **SECTION FOUR.** (a) The Bi-State Development Agency ("Bi-State") shall include in all its
11 requests for competitive bids for outside service work the requirement that the bidder pay
12 prevailing wages and benefits to its employees in performing such contractual work.

13 (b) For the purposes of this Ordinance, "prevailing wages and benefits" shall mean the wages paid
14 generally in the St. Louis Metropolitan area to workers engaged in service work of a similar
15 character, and all benefits associated therewith. Prior to letting any bid for outside service work,
16 Bi-State shall establish prevailing wages and benefits for service workers in the contract for which
17 the bid will be let, which shall be attached to and made a part of each bid specification. In
18 establishing prevailing wages and benefits, Bi-State shall obtain from the Missouri Department of
19 Labor and Industrial Relation, Division of Labor Standards, a list of prevailing wages for the job
20 classification(s) which come closest in nature and character to the jobs to be performed in the
21 service contract for which bids are to be let. In addition to such list, Bi-State shall also base its

1 established prevailing wages and benefits on information from the United States Department of
2 Labor, Bureau of Labor Standard, to the greatest extent feasible.

3 (c) After establishing prevailing wages and benefits for a bid to be let, and not less than one week
4 prior to letting the bid, Bi-State shall provide the Board of Aldermen, c/o the Clerk, with copies of
5 all information and material used to establish such prevailing wages and benefits.

6 **SECTION FIVE.** In the event the Board of Estimate and Apportionment concludes that any funds
7 herein appropriated or previously appropriated by the City of St. Louis to the Bi-State
8 Development Agency and remaining unspent are used for other than public transit purposes, the
9 appropriation herein enacted shall be reduced by an amount equal to the amount used for other
10 than public transit purposes. The determination of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of
11 such spending for other than public transit purposes shall be conclusive.

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

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