

Citizens for Modern Transit Statement



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RESOLUTION BY CITIZENS FOR MODERN TRANSIT CALLS FOR ST. LOUIS COUNTY TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE ON METROLINK

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 21, 2016 . . . With transit serving as a critical component of the St. Louis region's Transportation system, and a pressing need to ensure the existing system is safe and secure for current and future riders, the Citizens for Modern Transit (CMT) Board of Directors passed a resolution on Thursday in support of an increased number of St. Louis County police on the MetroLink system. Specifically, the resolution calls for doubling of the number of St. Louis County police officers assigned to the MetroLink system and, if needed, for St. Louis County to direct Proposition A funds to guarantee the increased police presence on the MetroLink system.

As the largest financial supporter of public transit in the region, St. Louis County has the opportunity to take the lead in helping to ensure a safe, reliable, affordable, and efficient public transportation system that can increase access to health care, education, and employment in our region; help tackle inequities addressed by the Ferguson Commission; and play a key role in expanding opportunity for all St. Louisans. Safety and security on platforms, stations, trains and buses must be a top priority, and without decisive action, the public's lack of confidence in the systems' safety and security will make people less likely to use the system and support public transit.

Citizens for Modern Transit is a not-for-profit organization in St. Louis whose mission is to expand the light rail system in order to build more sustainable, accessible communities in the region. CMT's Board represents major employers, academic institutions, labor, chambers and others united in support of that mission.