



Federal Legislation for Board Action – H.R. 6069 and H.R. 6298 BART Board of Directors – December 4, 2025



H.R. 6069 – Support Recommendation

- H.R. 6069 – The Rapid Intervention and Deterrence for Enhanced Rider (RIDER) Safety Act
- Sponsored by Rep. Lateefah Simon (D-CA). Co-Sponsors include Reps. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA), Shomari Figures (D-AL), John Garamendi (D-CA), and Nellie Pou (D-NJ)
- Authorizes the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide operational grants to public transportation systems to fund unarmed “transit support specialists” responsible for:
 - Monitoring transit stations and vehicles and reporting suspicious activity and security threats to transit system personnel and law enforcement
 - Assisting with and reporting medical emergencies
 - Providing rider assistance and establishing an official presence to deter disruptive behavior and security risks
 - Handling minor conflicts in order to preserve law enforcement resources for more critical incidents and emergencies
 - Connecting individuals with or performing crisis intervention services

H.R. 6298 – Support Recommendation

- H.R. 6298 – The Safe and Affordable Transit Act
- Sponsored by Rep. Laura Friedman (D-CA). Co-sponsored by Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)
- Authorizes \$50M annually for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2030 and directs DOT to provide operational grants to public transportation systems for the following purposes:
 - Hiring additional police officers to patrol public transportation vehicles and transit stations as well as the immediate vicinity of transit stations
 - Contracting with local police departments to increase officer presence on public transportation and in transit stations
 - Upgrading physical infrastructure that promotes passenger and operator safety, such as monitoring devices and operator shields
- DOT must also conduct, in consultation with the Transportation Research Board and labor organizations, a study on crime prevention efforts by transit agencies, including:
 - What agencies are currently doing to prevent crime
 - What tactics have been successful or unsuccessful in deterring crime
 - Best practices for transit agencies to reduce crime within their systems