



Federal Legislation for Consideration – H.R. 6298 BART Board of Directors – January 8, 2026



H.R. 6298 – Support Recommendation

- H.R. 6298 – The Safe and Affordable Transit Act
- Sponsored by Rep. Laura Friedman (D-CA). Co-sponsored by Reps. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY), Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA).
- 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.