

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-289082

ADOPTED ON AUGUST 11, 1997

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SAN DIEGO
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S
REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION UNDER THE
INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY
ACT.

WHEREAS, ISTEA (the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991) must be reauthorized in 1997 to provide for appropriations to federal transit and other surface transportation programs after September 30, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the reauthorization of ISTEA will provide for funding of specific projects to be funded over the duration of the authorization period; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) has requested specific authorizations for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding of the San Diego Region Light Rail Transit (LRT) Program, including the Mission Valley East and Mid-Coast Corridor Projects, and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Section 511 Loan for the reopening of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway; and

WHEREAS, MTDB has developed an \$813 million LRT system in place or under construction with a minimum (8.5 percent) federal funding, contributing significant state and local funds for the 91.5 percent balance; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Trolley LRT system has continued to out perform other LRT operations with a farebox recovery ratio historically exceeding 65 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Valley East and Mid-Coast Corridor projects would provide mobility to travel markets that rely upon public transit, offer a high capacity transportation alternative in two critically impacted corridors, and provide air quality benefits to residents in the San Diego region; and

WHEREAS, the SD&AE Railway project would be valuable to the local economy in light of increased international trade resulting from the North American Free Trade Act (NAFTA); and

WHEREAS, the SD&AE Railway project would be a significant benefit to the Port District and shippers using its facilities; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego LRT Program and the SD&AE Railway project are important to the quality of life and future vitality of the San Diego region; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego hereby expresses its full support for of funding for the San Diego Region LRT Program and the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway project.

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