

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HR 5102, THE ON TIME ACT OF 2007
2008-02**

WHEREAS, the Riverside Transit Agency is responsible for providing public transit services in Western Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, Western Riverside County has grown by over 300,000 people over the past decade, and is projected to grow by an additional 300,000 people over the next 10 years, creating new pressures on the Riverside Transit Agency to provide public transportation services; and

WHEREAS, ridership on the Riverside Transit Agency's services is projected to grow over the next decade as a result of new residents and new jobs in our service area; and

WHEREAS, The growth in international trade, particularly containerized trade, is placing pressure on the nation's transportation network and influences traffic congestion in the areas surrounding the major United States-international gateways including Western Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, Existing national trade agreements, in addition to potential future agreements, foreshadow an even greater increase in international trade and further increases of freight shipment congestion; and

WHEREAS, Traffic congestion continues to worsen in United States cities of all sizes, causing Americans to waste 4.2 billion hours in traffic and to purchase an extra 2.9 billion gallons of fuel for a congestion cost of \$78 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County is a conduit for the nation's second-largest port and the route for the vast majority of the 108 million metric tons of goods that arrive by ship each year with more than 77 percent of that freight destined for areas beyond the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Transit Agency is adversely affected each day by the traffic congestion and stoppages at rail crossings from the increasing freight transportation resulting in a degradation of on-time performance, wasted fuel and less frequent service to compensate for these delays; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Ken Calvert of California and U.S. Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr. of Illinois have introduced HR 5102 entitled "Our Nation's Trade, Infrastructure, Mobility, and Efficiency Act of 2007" or the "ON TIME Act of 2007"; and

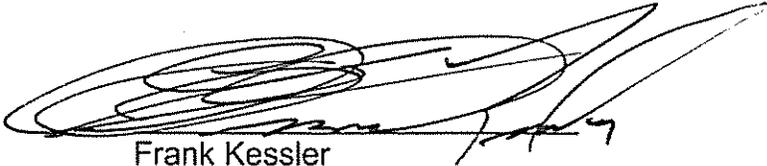
WHEREAS, the ON TIME Act of 2007 will address major transportation investment needs in national trade gateway corridors, reduce freight congestion along current and future trade corridors, provide congestion mitigation along surface transportation routes that are or will be congested as a result of current or future growth in international trade, increase freight transportation system reliability and enhance the quality of life for United States citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY that the Riverside Transit Agency hereby expresses its support for HR 5102 which will decrease the traffic congestion generated by the increasing freight transportation through our service area and thereby enhance the operations of Riverside Transit Agency's services; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Riverside Transit Agency Chairman of the Board of Directors, Frank Kessler, is hereby directed to send letters to members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure; Ways and Means; and Foreign Affairs Committees urging the passage of HR 5102 and to send letters to federal legislators representing the Riverside Transit Agency's service area, local municipalities, chambers of commerce, T-NOW chapters, the California Transit Association, the American Public Transportation Association and interested civic organizations asking them to support HR 5102 and to advocate for its passage.

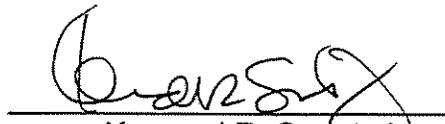
ADOPTED this 28th day of February, 2008.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY



Frank Kessler
Chairman, RTA Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kennard R. Smart, Jr.
RTA General Counsel

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Riverside Transit Agency certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of said Board of Directors held on February 28, 2008.

ATTEST:



Maricela Hernandez
Clerk of the Board