AMENDMENT NO. _______        Calendar No. _______

Purpose: To improve local community access to transportation enhancement funding.


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To reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mr. Cardin.

Viz:

1. Beginning on page 41, strike line 9 and all that follows through page 42, line 2, and insert the following:

   "(4) CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—For the congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program—

   "(A) an amount determined by multiplying the amount determined for the State under subsection (c) by the proportion that—

   "(i) the amount apportioned to the State for the congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program for fiscal year 2009, plus 10 percent of the amount
apportioned to the State for the surface transportation program for that fiscal year; bears to

“(ii) the total amount of funds apportioned to the State for that fiscal year for the programs referred to in section 105(a)(2) (except for the high priority projects program referred to in section 105(a)(2)(H)), as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the MAP–21; plus

“(B) an additional amount—

“(i) that is equal to the aggregate amount apportioned to the State, for the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the MAP–21 is enacted, for—

“(I) the recreational trails program under subsection (h) of this section (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the MAP–21); and

“(II) the safe routes to school program under 1404 of the SAFETEA–LU (23 U.S.C. 402 note;
119 Stat. 1228; 122 Stat. 1577) (as so in effect); and “(ii) which shall be used to carry out section 149(l).

On page 80, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:
“(27) A project under subsection 149(l).”.

Beginning on page 149, strike lines 8 through page 150, line 10 and insert the following:
“(D) Providing transportation choices, including—”.

On page 151, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:
“(3) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—
“(A) ALLOCATION TO TIER I METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.—Of the funds reserved under paragraph (1), a State shall oblige funds in metropolitan planning areas served by a Tier I metropolitan planning organization in an amount that is equal to the proportion that—
“(i) the population living in the metropolitan planning areas served by the Tier I metropolitan planning organization; bears to

“(ii) the total population of the State.

“(B) LOCAL ACCESS TO FUNDS.—

“(i) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this subparagraph, the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

“(I) a local government;

“(II) a regional transportation authority;

“(III) a transit agency; and

“(IV) any other entity the State determines to be eligible, consistent with the goals of this subsection.

“(ii) AWARDS.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds reserved under paragraph (1) not subject to subparagraph (A), a State shall provide annually to eligible entities, on a competitive basis, awards to carry out this subsection.

“(II) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under this subparagraph, an
eligible entity shall submit to the State an application at such time, in such form, and in such manner as the State determines to be necessary.

“(iii) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of receiving funds under the MAP-21, a State—

“(I) shall establish reasonable timelines for the review of applications received under clause (ii) and notification to applicants of the acceptance or denial of the applications; and

“(II) shall not withhold a grant from an eligible entity that has submitted an application under clause (ii) if—

“(aa) funds remain available to be obligated under this subsection; and

“(bb) the project for which the application is submitted is an eligible project under this subsection.”.

On page 151, line 14, strike “(3)” and insert “(4)”. 
On page 152, line 4, strike “(4)” and “insert (5)”.