

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—112th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. _____

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

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN.

Viz:

1 Beginning on page 41, strike line 9 and all that fol-
2 lows through page 42, line 2, and insert the following:

3 “(4) CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUAL-
4 ITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—For the congestion
5 mitigation and air quality improvement program—

6 “(A) an amount determined by multiplying
7 the amount determined for the State under sub-
8 section (c) by the proportion that—

9 “(i) the amount apportioned to the
10 State for the congestion mitigation and air
11 quality improvement program for fiscal
12 year 2009, plus 10 percent of the amount

1 apportioned to the State for the surface
2 transportation program for that fiscal
3 year; bears to

4 “(ii) the total amount of funds appor-
5 tioned to the State for that fiscal year for
6 the programs referred to in section
7 105(a)(2) (except for the high priority
8 projects program referred to in section
9 105(a)(2)(H)), as in effect on the day be-
10 fore the date of enactment of the MAP-21;
11 plus

12 “(B) an additional amount—

13 “(i) that is equal to the aggregate
14 amount apportioned to the State, for the
15 fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal
16 year in which the MAP-21 is enacted,
17 for—

18 “(I) the recreational trails pro-
19 gram under subsection (h) of this sec-
20 tion (as in effect on the day before the
21 date of enactment of the MAP-21);
22 and

23 “(II) the safe routes to school
24 program under 1404 of the
25 SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C. 402 note;

1 119 Stat. 1228; 122 Stat. 1577) (as
2 so in effect); and
3 “(ii) which shall be used to carry out
4 section 149(l).

5 On page 80, between lines 11 and 12, insert the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(27) A project under subsection 149(l).”.

8 Beginning on page 149, strike lines 8 through page
9 150, line 10 and insert the following:

10 “(D) Providing transportation choices, includ-
11 ing—”.

12 On page 151, between lines 13 and 14, insert the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(3) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

15 “(A) ALLOCATION TO TIER I METROPOLI-
16 TAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.—Of the funds
17 reserved under paragraph (1), a State shall ob-
18 ligate funds in metropolitan planning areas
19 served by a Tier I metropolitan planning orga-
20 nization in an amount that is equal to the pro-
21 portion that—

1 “(i) the population living in the met-
2 ropolitan planning areas served by the Tier
3 I metropolitan planning organization; bears
4 to

5 “(ii) the total population of the State.

6 “(B) LOCAL ACCESS TO FUNDS.—

7 “(i) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTI-
8 TY.—In this subparagraph, the term ‘eligi-
9 ble entity’ means—

10 “(I) a local government;

11 “(II) a regional transportation
12 authority;

13 “(III) a transit agency; and

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

17 “(ii) AWARDS.—

18 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds
19 reserved under paragraph (1) not sub-
20 ject to subparagraph (A), a State
21 shall provide annually to eligible enti-
22 ties, on a competitive basis, awards to
23 carry out this subsection.

24 “(II) APPLICATION.—To receive
25 a grant under this subparagraph, an

1 eligible entity shall submit to the
2 State an application at such time, in
3 such form, and in such manner as the
4 State determines to be necessary.

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

8 “(I) shall establish reasonable
9 timelines for the review of applications
10 received under clause (ii) and notifica-
11 tion to applicants of the acceptance or
12 denial of the applications; and

13 “(II) shall not withhold a grant
14 from an eligible entity that has sub-
15 mitted an application under clause (ii)
16 if—

17 “(aa) funds remain available
18 to be obligated under this sub-
19 section; and

20 “(bb) the project for which
21 the application is submitted is an
22 eligible project under this sub-
23 section.”.

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

1 On page 152, line 4, strike “(4)” and “insert (5)”.