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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCIA (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. CAMP, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SOLOMON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STRICKLAND, and Mr. STUPAK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Local Input In Trans-  
5       portation Planning Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) PROJECTS FOR BELOW PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL  
3 ROADS.—Section 133(d)(3)(B) of title 23, United States  
4 Code, is amended—

5 (1) by striking “tobe” and inserting “to be”;

6 and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-  
8 tence:

9 “Projects under this subsection shall be undertaken on  
10 roads classified below principal arterial.”.

11 (b) LOCAL INPUT FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAM-  
12 MING.—Section 135 of title 23, United States Code, is  
13 amended—

14 (1) in subsection (c)(5)—

15 (A) by inserting “of local governments and  
16 elected officials of subdivisions of local govern-  
17 ments” after “elected officials”; and

18 (B) by striking “local” after “consultation  
19 with”; and

20 (2) in subsection (f)(1), by inserting after the  
21 second sentence the following new sentences:

22 “With respect to nonmetropolitan areas (areas with less  
23 than 50,000 population), the program shall be developed  
24 jointly by the State, elected officials of affected local gov-  
25 ernments, and elected officials of subdivisions of affected  
26 local governments which have jurisdiction over transpor-

1 tation planning, through a process developed by the State  
2 which ensures participation by such elected officials. Not  
3 less than once every 2 years, the Secretary shall review  
4 the planning process through which the program was de-  
5 veloped. The Secretary shall approve such planning pro-  
6 cess if the Secretary finds that the planning process is con-  
7 sistent with this section and section 134.”.

8 (c) OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGES.—Section 144(g)(3) of  
9 title 23, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-  
10 lows:

11 “(3) OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGES.—Not less than 25  
12 percent nor more than 35 percent of the amount ap-  
13 portioned to each State in each of fiscal years 1998,  
14 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, shall be ex-  
15 pended for projects to replace, rehabilitate, paint,  
16 seismic retrofit, or apply calcium magnesium acetate  
17 to bridges located on public roads that are function-  
18 ally classified as local roads or rural minor collec-  
19 tors. After consultation with State and local elected  
20 officials, the Secretary may, with respect to such  
21 State, reduce the requirement for expenditure for  
22 bridges on public roads that are functionally classi-  
23 fied as local roads or rural minor collectors if the  
24 Secretary determines that the needs of such State do  
25 not justify such expenditure.”.

1 (d) PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFI-  
2 CIALS.—

3 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a  
4 study on the effectiveness of the participation of  
5 local elected officials in transportation planning and  
6 programming.

7 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the  
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
9 shall transmit to Congress a report containing the  
10 results of the study required by paragraph (1).

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