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# H. R. 1347

To provide funding for projects to reduce traffic congestion and improve travel options in the metropolitan Washington region.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2005

Mr. MORAN of Virginia (for himself, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

To provide funding for projects to reduce traffic congestion and improve travel options in the metropolitan Washington region.

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 “End D.C. Regional  
5 Traffic Gridlock Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION TRANSPOR-**  
7 **TATION PROJECTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation  
9 shall make grants to the National Capital Region Trans-

1 portation Planning Board of the Metropolitan Washington  
2 Council of Governments (in this section referred to as the  
3 “Board”) to carry out transportation projects to reduce  
4 traffic congestion and improve travel options in the metro-  
5 politan Washington region.

6 (b) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

7 (1) PROJECT PURPOSES.—Projects eligible for  
8 assistance under this section shall be limited to  
9 projects of regional significance selected by the  
10 Board for one or more of the following purposes:

11 (A) Establishing and operating an inte-  
12 grated traffic management and incident re-  
13 sponse program.

14 (B) Expanding use of intelligent transpor-  
15 tation systems.

16 (C) Improving access to transit facilities.

17 (D) Improving pedestrian safety.

18 (E) Promoting telecommuting and tele-  
19 working.

20 (F) Expanding the network of non-  
21 motorized trails.

22 (2) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out  
23 projects under this section, the following activities  
24 shall be eligible for assistance:

1 (A) Any effort to improve coordination of  
2 transportation planning and land use planning.

3 (B) The design, construction, and mainte-  
4 nance of facilities and services.

5 (C) The operation of such facilities.

6 (D) The provision of services.

7 (E) The deployment of demand reduction  
8 and traffic management measures.

9 (c) APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS.—

10 (1) PLANNING REQUIREMENTS.—Except as  
11 otherwise determined by the Secretary, projects car-  
12 ried out under this section shall be subject to—

13 (A) for highway projects, the planning re-  
14 quirements of title 23, United States Code; and

15 (B) for transit projects, the planning re-  
16 quirements of chapter 53 of title 49, United  
17 States Code.

18 (2) CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.—Except as  
19 otherwise determined by the Secretary, construction  
20 standards applicable to the construction of highway  
21 and transit projects under titles 23 and 49, United  
22 States Code, shall apply to the construction of high-  
23 way and transit projects under this section.

1 (d) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost  
2 of a project carried out under this section shall be 75 per-  
3 cent.

4 (e) MAINTENANCE OF FUNDING AND EFFORT.—

5 (1) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts made  
6 available to carry out this section shall be in addi-  
7 tion to other Federal, State, and local transportation  
8 funding for the metropolitan Washington region ju-  
9 risdictions.

10 (2) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—In using  
11 funds provided under this section, a metropolitan  
12 Washington region jurisdiction shall maintain the  
13 expenditures of the jurisdiction for transportation in  
14 the metropolitan Washington region at a level that  
15 is not less than the level of the expenditures main-  
16 tained by the jurisdiction for the fiscal year pre-  
17 ceding the fiscal year for which the funds are re-  
18 ceived.

19 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
20 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
21 out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005  
22 through 2009. Of such amounts, not to exceed \$100,000  
23 per fiscal year may be used for administrative expenses.

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