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To improve intermodal transportation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. BAKER, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MATHESON, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. MCINTYRE, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. FILNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

To improve intermodal transportation.

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 “Intermodal Transpor-  
5       tation Act of 2005”.

6       **SEC. 2. INTERMODAL PASSENGER FACILITIES.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 49, United  
8       States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9       lowing:

1 “SUBCHAPTER III—INTERMODAL PASSENGER  
2 FACILITIES

3 **“§ 5571. Policy and purposes**

4 “(a) DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF INTER-  
5 MODAL PASSENGER FACILITIES.—It is in the economic in-  
6 terest of the United States to improve the efficiency of  
7 public surface transportation modes by ensuring the con-  
8 nection with and access to intermodal passenger terminals,  
9 thereby streamlining the transfer of passengers among  
10 modes, enhancing travel options, and increasing passenger  
11 transportation operating efficiencies.

12 “(b) GENERAL PURPOSES.—The purpose of this sub-  
13 chapter is to accelerate intermodal integration among  
14 North America’s passenger transportation modes  
15 through—

16 “(1) assuring intercity public transportation ac-  
17 cess to intermodal passenger facilities;

18 “(2) encouraging the development of an inte-  
19 grated system of public transportation information;  
20 and

21 “(3) providing intercity bus intermodal pas-  
22 senger facility grants.

23 **“§ 5572. Definitions**

24 “In this subchapter—

1           “(1) the term ‘capital project’ means a project  
2 for—

3           “(A) acquiring, constructing, improving, or  
4 renovating a publicly or privately owned or op-  
5 erated intermodal facility that is related phys-  
6 ically and functionally to intercity bus service in  
7 order to establish or enhance coordination be-  
8 tween intercity bus service and transportation,  
9 including aviation, local public transportation  
10 by bus or rail, commuter bus or rail, intercity  
11 rail, seaports, and the National Highway Sys-  
12 tem, including physical infrastructure associ-  
13 ated with private bus operations at existing and  
14 new intermodal facilities, such as building con-  
15 struction or renovation, special lanes, curb cuts,  
16 ticket kiosks and counters, passenger waiting  
17 areas, baggage and package express storage,  
18 employee parking, office space, security, and  
19 signage; and

20           “(B) establishing or enhancing coordination be-  
21 tween intercity bus service and transportation, in-  
22 cluding aviation, commuter bus or rail, intercity rail,  
23 and the National Highway System through a pub-  
24 licly or privately owned or operated integrated sys-  
25 tem of public transportation information;

1           “(2) the term ‘commuter service’ means service  
2 designed primarily to provide daily work trips within  
3 the local commuting area;

4           “(3) the term ‘Intercity bus service’ means—

5                 “(A) regularly scheduled bus service for  
6 the general public which—

7                     “(i) operates with limited stops over  
8 fixed routes connecting two or more urban  
9 areas, or connecting rural areas with urban  
10 areas, not in close proximity;

11                    “(ii) has the capacity for transporting  
12 baggage carried by passengers; and

13                    “(iii) makes meaningful connections  
14 with scheduled intercity bus service to  
15 more distant points; and

16                 “(B) charter and tour bus service;

17           “(4) the term ‘intermodal passenger facility’  
18 means a passenger terminal that does, or can be  
19 modified to, accommodate several modes of transpor-  
20 tation and related facilities, including some or all of  
21 the following: intercity rail, commuter bus or rail,  
22 intercity bus, local public transportation, either bus  
23 or rail, airport limousine service and airline ticket  
24 offices, rent-a-car facilities, taxis, private parking,  
25 and other transportation services;

1           “(5) the term ‘local governmental authority’ in-  
2           cludes—

3                   “(A) a political subdivision of a State;

4                   “(B) an authority of at least one State or  
5           political subdivision of a State;

6                   “(C) an Indian tribe; and

7                   “(D) a public corporation, board, or com-  
8           mission established under the laws of the State;

9           “(6) the term ‘owner or operator of a public  
10          transportation facility’ means an owner or operator  
11          of intercity-rail, intercity-bus, commuter-rail, rail-  
12          transit, bus-transit, or ferry services;

13          “(7) the term ‘recipient’ means any public or  
14          private entity that receives a grant to carry out this  
15          section directly from the Federal Government;

16          “(8) the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary  
17          of Transportation;

18          “(9) the term ‘State’ means a State of the  
19          United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto  
20          Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Amer-  
21          ican Samoa, and the Virgin Islands; and

22          “(10) the term ‘urban area’ means an area that  
23          includes a municipality or other area that the Sec-  
24          retary, after considering local patterns and trends of  
25          urban growth, decides is appropriate for a local pub-

1       lic transportation system to serve individuals in the  
2       locality.

3       **“§ 5573. Assurance of access to intermodal passenger**  
4                                   **facilities**

5       “Intercity buses and other modes of transportation  
6 shall, to the maximum extent practicable, have access to  
7 publicly funded intermodal passenger facilities including  
8 passenger facilities described in section 5574.

9       **“§ 5574. Intercity bus intermodal passenger facility**  
10                                   **grants**

11       “(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of  
12 Transportation may make grants under this section to re-  
13 cipients in financing a capital project, as defined in section  
14 5572, only if the Secretary finds that the proposed project  
15 is justified and has an adequate financial commitment.

16       “(b) COMPETITIVE GRANT SELECTION.—The Sec-  
17 retary shall conduct a national solicitation for applications  
18 for grants under this section. Grantees shall be selected  
19 on a competitive basis.

20       “(c) SHARE OF NET PROJECT COSTS.—

21               “(1) A grant shall not exceed 80 percent of the  
22 net project cost, as determined by the Secretary.

23               “(2) The portion of the net costs of an eligible  
24 project that is not funded under this section shall be  
25 from an undistributed cash surplus, a replacement

1 or depreciation cash fund or reserve, or new public  
2 or private capital and may include amounts appro-  
3 priated to or made available to a department or  
4 agency of the Federal government that are eligible  
5 to be expended for transportation.

6 “(d) CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.—A grant  
7 provided under this section that is financed with amounts  
8 made available under section 5575(a) is a contractual obli-  
9 gation of the United States Government to pay the Gov-  
10 ernment’s share of the cost of the project.

11 “(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may issue regu-  
12 lations necessary to carry out this section.

13 **“§ 5575. Funding**

14 “(a) MASS TRANSIT ACCOUNT.—To carry out this  
15 subchapter, there is authorized to be appropriated for each  
16 of fiscal years 2006 through 2009 from the Mass Transit  
17 Account of the Highway Trust Fund, \$75,000,000, of  
18 which no more than \$5,000,000 may be used to carry out  
19 paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 5571(b). The require-  
20 ments of section 5309 shall apply to a project that receives  
21 funds pursuant to this subsection.

22 “(b) HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.—

23 “(1) There is authorized to be appropriated  
24 from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass  
25 Transit Account) to carry out section 5571(b)(3)

1       \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through  
2       2009.

3           “(2) The funding made available under para-  
4       graph (1) shall be available for obligation in the  
5       same manner as if such funds were apportioned  
6       under chapter 1 of title 23 and shall be subject to  
7       any obligation limitation imposed on funds for Fed-  
8       eral-aid highways and highway safety construction  
9       programs.

10       “(c) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made  
11       available by subsection (a) of this section shall remain  
12       available until expended.

13       “(d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
14       tents for chapter 55 of title 49, United States Code, is  
15       amended by inserting at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER III—INTERMODAL PASSENGER FACILITIES

“5571. Policy and purposes.

“5572. Definitions.

“5573. Assurance of access to intermodal facilities.

“5574. Intercity bus intermodal passenger facility grants.

“5575. Funding.”

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