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H. R. 4241

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a pilot program to improve transportation planning, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mrs. COMSTOCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Transportation Access
5 and System Connection Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of carrying out sec-
8 tions 119, 133, 148, and 149 of title 23, United States
9 Code, the Secretary of Transportation, in accordance with

1 the requirements of this section, shall carry out a pilot
2 program to improve transportation planning.

3 (b) DATA SETS.—In carrying out the program, not
4 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
5 the Secretary shall acquire for a participating State or
6 metropolitan planning organization a data set containing
7 information measuring the level of access by all transpor-
8 tation modes to important destinations in the State or
9 metropolitan planning organization, such as jobs, edu-
10 cation, health care, and food sources.

11 (c) SELECTION OF PARTICIPATING STATES AND
12 MPOS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall select,
14 on a competitive basis and in a manner that ensures
15 geographic diversity, 5 States and 10 metropolitan
16 planning organizations (including 6 such organiza-
17 tions that serve an area with a population of not
18 more than 200,000) to participate in the program.

19 (2) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to partici-
20 pate in the program, a State or metropolitan plan-
21 ning organization shall submit to the Secretary an
22 application at such time and containing such infor-
23 mation as the Secretary may require.

24 (d) CONSULTATION WITH PARTICIPATING STATES
25 AND MPOS.—The Secretary shall consult with partici-

1 pating States and metropolitan planning organizations to
2 determine the benefits of the data sets acquired under
3 subsection (b).

4 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 120 days
5 after providing data sets to States and metropolitan plan-
6 ning organizations under the program, the Secretary shall
7 submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
8 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
9 mittee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate
10 a report on the results of the program, including the feasi-
11 bility of issuing similar data sets to all States, regions,
12 and localities.

13 (f) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall carry out the pro-
14 gram using amounts made available to the Secretary as
15 administrative expenses under the sections referred to in
16 subsection (a).

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