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# H. R. 765

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. JEFFRIES) 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 “Increase Transpor-  
5 tation Alternatives Investment Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PRO-**  
2 **GRAM.**

3 Section 133 of title 23, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(j) **TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES FOR AREAS**  
6 **UNDERGOING EXTENSIVE REPAIR OR RECONSTRUCTION**  
7 **OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.**—The Secretary  
8 shall issue regulations to ensure that States give pref-  
9 erence to eligible projects under this section that—

10 “(1) are located in areas that are undergoing  
11 extensive repair or reconstruction of transportation  
12 infrastructure, including Federal-aid highways, fed-  
13 erally owned roads open for public travel, passenger  
14 rail facilities, and public transportation facilities;  
15 and

16 “(2) will provide transportation alternatives re-  
17 lated to the full or partial closure of the transpor-  
18 tation infrastructure in such areas.”.

19 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM.**

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Transportation  
21 shall carry out a grant program to support community ef-  
22 forts to invest in transportation alternatives.

23 (b) **AWARD OF GRANTS.**—Not later than 1 year after  
24 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
25 award grants under the program on a competitive basis.

1           (c) PREFERENCE.—In awarding the grants, the Sec-  
2 retary shall give preference to projects located in areas  
3 that are undergoing extensive repair or reconstruction of  
4 transportation infrastructure, including Federal-aid high-  
5 ways, federally owned roads open for public travel, pas-  
6 senger rail facilities, and public transportation facilities.

7           (d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The following entities  
8 shall be eligible to receive grants under the program:

9                 (1) State and local governments.

10                (2) Metropolitan planning organizations.

11                (3) Rural planning organizations.

12           (e) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Amounts received in  
13 grants under the program may be used to plan for, facili-  
14 tate, and provide initial support for any of the following  
15 activities:

16                (1) Transportation demand management pro-  
17 grams, including support for transportation manage-  
18 ment associations.

19                (2) Carpool or telecommuting projects.

20                (3) Planning, design, acquisition of rights-of-  
21 way, construction, improvement, and management of  
22 streets, pathways, and public transportation facilities  
23 to facilitate expanded bicycle and pedestrian mobility  
24 and access.

1           (f) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under the pro-  
2 gram, an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary an  
3 application in such form and manner as the Secretary pre-  
4 scribes.

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