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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a national intersection and interchange safety construction program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMMER (for himself and Mr. STAUBER) 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 “National Intersection
5 and Interchange Safety Construction Program Act of
6 2019”.

7 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL INTERSECTION AND INTERCHANGE**
8 **SAFETY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-

1 portation shall establish a national intersection and inter-
2 change safety construction program (in this section re-
3 ferred to as the “Program”) to assist safety improvements
4 for high-risk intersections and interchanges.

5 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Pro-
7 gram, the Secretary may make a grant to a covered
8 entity in accordance with this section.

9 (2) COMPETITIVE BASIS.—The Secretary shall
10 award grants under the Program on a competitive
11 basis.

12 (c) PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may
13 only make a grant under the Program to assist a project
14 that—

15 (1) is eligible for funding under title 23, United
16 States Code; and

17 (2) will improve the safety of an intersection or
18 interchange that is—

19 (A) on the National Highway System;

20 (B) used by an average of 50,000 vehicles
21 a day; and

22 (C) in immediate need of improvement
23 with respect to safety.

24 (d) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under
25 the Program, a covered entity shall submit to the Sec-

1 retary an application in such form, at such time, and con-
2 taining such information as the Secretary determines is
3 appropriate.

4 (e) LIMITATION.—The aggregate amount provided to
5 a covered entity in a fiscal year through grants under the
6 Program may not exceed 5 percent of the amount made
7 available for all grants under the Program in that fiscal
8 year.

9 (f) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.—At least 90 days be-
10 fore establishing the Program under subsection (a), the
11 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report detailing the
12 selection process the Secretary shall use in making grants
13 under the Program.

14 (g) COVERED ENTITY DEFINED.—In this section, the
15 term “covered entity” means each of the following:

16 (1) A State government entity.

17 (2) A local government entity.

18 (3) A territory of the United States.

19 (4) A tribal government.

20 (5) A metropolitan planning organization.

21 (6) Any entity composed of 2 or more entities
22 described in paragraphs (1) through (5).

23 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
25 appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund (other

1 than the Mass Transit Account) to carry out the
2 Program \$250,000,000 each fiscal year.

3 (2) APPLICABILITY OF TITLE 23, UNITED
4 STATES CODE.—Funds authorized to be appro-
5 priated by paragraph (1) shall—

6 (A) be available for obligation in the same
7 manner as if those funds were apportioned
8 under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code,
9 except that the Federal share of the cost of a
10 project or activity carried out using those funds
11 shall be 80 percent; and

12 (B) remain available until expended and
13 not be transferable.

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