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# H. R. 1615

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2021

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin) 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 “Maximizing Our Rede-  
5 velopment and Efficiency for Transit Oriented Develop-  
6 ment Act of 2021” or the “More TOD Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**  
2 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 53 of title 49, United  
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5327  
5 the following:

6 **“§ 5328. Transit oriented development planning grant**  
7 **program**

8 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section the term ‘eligible  
9 project’ means—

10 “(1) a new fixed guideway capital project or a  
11 core capacity improvement project as defined in sec-  
12 tion 5309; or

13 “(2) an existing fixed guideway system, or an  
14 existing station that is served by a fixed guideway  
15 system.

16 “(b) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may  
17 make grants under this section to a State, local govern-  
18 mental authority, or metropolitan planning organization  
19 to assist in financing comprehensive planning associated  
20 with an eligible project that seeks to—

21 “(1) enhance economic development, ridership,  
22 and other goals established during the project devel-  
23 opment and engineering processes or the grant ap-  
24 plication;

25 “(2) facilitate multimodal connectivity and ac-  
26 cessibility;

1           “(3) increase access to transit hubs for pedes-  
2           trian and bicycle traffic;

3           “(4) enable mixed-use development;

4           “(5) identify infrastructure needs associated  
5           with the eligible project; and

6           “(6) include private sector participation.

7           “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—A State, local governmental au-  
8           thority, or metropolitan planning organization that desires  
9           to participate in the program under this section shall sub-  
10          mit to the Secretary an application that contains at a min-  
11          imum—

12           “(1) an identification of an eligible project;

13           “(2) a schedule and process for the development  
14          of a comprehensive plan;

15           “(3) a description of how the eligible project  
16          and the proposed comprehensive plan advance the  
17          metropolitan transportation plan of the metropolitan  
18          planning organization;

19           “(4) proposed performance criteria for the de-  
20          velopment and implementation of the comprehensive  
21          plan;

22           “(5) a description of how the project will reduce  
23          and mitigate social and economic impacts on existing  
24          residents and businesses vulnerable to displacement;  
25          and

1 “(6) identification of—

2 “(A) partners;

3 “(B) availability of and authority for fund-  
4 ing; and

5 “(C) potential State, local or other impedi-  
6 ments to the implementation of the comprehen-  
7 sive plan.

8 “(d) COST SHARE.—A grant under this section shall  
9 not exceed an amount in excess of 80 percent of total  
10 project costs, except that a grant that includes an afford-  
11 able housing component shall not exceed an amount in ex-  
12 cess of 90 percent of total project costs.”.

13 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
14 5338 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by add-  
15 ing at the end the following:

16 “(i) TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING  
17 GRANT PROGRAM.—There is authorized to be appro-  
18 priated to carry out section 5328—

19 “(1) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

20 “(2) \$21,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

21 “(3) \$22,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

22 “(4) \$23,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; and

23 “(5) \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 2026.”.

24 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
25 ter 53 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by in-

- 1 serring after the item relating to section 5327 the fol-
- 2 lowing:

“5328. Transit oriented development planning grant program.”

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