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To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish an agricultural and rural road improvement program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2025

Mr. BOST (for himself, Mr. RILEY of New York, Mr. MANN, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. HURD of Colorado, and Mr. ONDER) 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 “Agricultural and Rural
5 Road Improvement Program Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 23, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end of the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 180. Agricultural and rural road improvement pro-**
7 **gram**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
9 lish and implement an agricultural and rural road im-
10 provement program to—

11 “(1) improve first- and last-mile access to
12 farms and to facilities producing, supplying, storing,
13 and transporting agricultural inputs and products;

14 “(2) reduce the number of weight-limited
15 bridges and capacity-limited local roads and rural
16 minor collectors in rural communities; and

17 “(3) improve the safety, resiliency, and effi-
18 ciency of the local roads and rural minor collectors
19 that are essential to a strong American agricultural
20 sector and a vibrant rural economy.

21 “(b) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—Funds apportioned to a
22 State under subsection 104(b)(9) to carry out this section
23 may only be obligated for a project that is on a road func-
24 tionally classified as a local road or rural minor collector
25 road and that is—

1 “(1) a project to replace or rehabilitate one or
 2 more bridges in order to eliminate a posted weight
 3 limitation;

4 “(2) a project on a highway or bridge that pro-
 5 vides or increases first- and last-mile access to a
 6 farm, facility producing, supplying, storing, and
 7 transporting agricultural inputs and products, agri-
 8 cultural facility, or other facility that supports the
 9 economy of a rural area;

10 “(3) a project eligible under section
 11 167(h)(5)(C); and

12 “(4) a project to improve highway safety, in-
 13 cluding a project to improve a high risk rural road
 14 (as defined in section 148).

15 “(c) FEDERAL COST SHARE.—The Federal share of
 16 the cost of a project carried out under this section may
 17 not exceed 90 percent.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 19 ter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by add-
 20 ing at the end the following:

“180. Agricultural and rural road improvement program.”.

21 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

22 (a) APPORTIONMENT.—Section 104(b) of title 23,
 23 United States Code, is amended—

24 (1) by inserting “the agricultural and rural
 25 road improvement program,” after “section 175,”;

1 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking
2 “2.56266964565637” and inserting “2.02664265”;
3 and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(9) AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL ROAD IM-
6 PROVEMENT PROGRAM.—For the agricultural and
7 rural road improvement program under section 180,
8 0.536027 percent of the amount remaining after dis-
9 tributing amounts under paragraphs (4), (5), and
10 (6).”.

11 (b) CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM.—Section
12 175(e)(1)(A) of title 23, United States Code, is amend-
13 ed—

14 (1) in clause (i) by adding “and” at the end;

15 (2) in clause (ii) by adding “and” at the end;

16 and

17 (3) by striking clauses (iii) and (iv).

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