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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a pilot program for the provision of competitive grants to eligible entities for use improving the availability of accessible microtransit services to individuals with disabilities or mobility impairments, and for other purposes.

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Mr. STANTON (for himself and Mr. BRESNAHAN) 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 “Improving Accessibility
5 Through Microtransit Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM FOR PROVISION OF GRANTS TO**
2 **IMPROVE MICROTRANSIT SERVICES.**

3 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
5 portation, acting through the Administrator of the Federal
6 Transit Administration, shall establish a pilot program
7 (herein referred to as the “Pilot Program”) under which
8 the Secretary may make grants, on a competitive basis,
9 to covered entities for use improving the availability of
10 microtransit services to individuals with disabilities or mo-
11 bility impairments, including individuals who use a wheel-
12 chair.

13 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
15 grant under the Pilot Program, a covered entity
16 must submit an application at such time and in such
17 manner as the Secretary may require, and that in-
18 cludes the following information:

19 (A) A description of the types of disabil-
20 ities or mobility impairments of individuals the
21 covered entity expects to provide with micro-
22 transit services through the expenditure of
23 grant funds.

24 (B) The approximate square miles of the
25 geographic area in which the covered entity ex-

1 pects to provide microtransit services through
2 the expenditure of grant funds.

3 (C) Any additional information as the Sec-
4 retary may require.

5 (2) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.—A covered
6 entity may submit an application on behalf of a
7 partnership between a covered entity and a private
8 entity for the provision of a microtransit service.

9 (c) SELECTION.—

10 (1) CRITERIA.—In selecting applicants to re-
11 ceive a grant under the Pilot Program, the Secretary
12 shall select a covered entity based on criteria estab-
13 lished by the Secretary.

14 (2) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall prioritize
15 for receipt of a grant under the Pilot Program appli-
16 cants—

17 (A) whose applications demonstrate how
18 each microtransit service intended to be ac-
19 quired or provided using grant funds will—

20 (i) provide greater accessibility for in-
21 dividuals with disabilities or mobility im-
22 pairments;

23 (ii) address a lack of accessible service
24 in the geographic area in which the cov-
25 ered entity expects to provide microtransit

1 services through the expenditure of grant
2 funds; and

3 (iii) deliver economic benefits in such
4 geographic area, such as improving access
5 to jobs or promoting local economic devel-
6 opment through enhanced mobility; and

7 (B) that intend to use grant funds to—

8 (i) provide wheelchair accessible vehi-
9 cles and accessible mobile applications for
10 use in microtransit services;

11 (ii) enable low-income individuals, in-
12 cluding individuals without access to
13 smartphone technology or a credit card, to
14 access any transportation services made
15 available through the project;

16 (iii) carry out an allowable use de-
17 scribed in subsection (e) that improves the
18 performance of the transit and micro-
19 transit services system of the applicant;

20 (iv) accelerate the deployment of ad-
21 vanced transit technologies, including
22 shared-use mobility services;

23 (v) improve safety within the area
24 serviced by the applicant; or

1 (vi) directly hire workers to perform
2 microtransit services within the system of
3 the applicant.

4 (d) GRANT AMOUNT LIMITATION.—In carrying out
5 the Pilot Program, the Secretary may not issue a grant
6 for an amount greater than \$3,000,000.

7 (e) ALLOWABLE USES.—A recipient of a grant under
8 the Pilot Program may use grant funds for the following
9 uses:

10 (1) To purchase or lease a covered vehicle for
11 use in a microtransit service existing as of the date
12 on which the recipient submits an application in ac-
13 cordance with subsection (b).

14 (2) To fund initial training for individuals to be
15 able to drive a covered vehicle operating in a
16 microtransit service of the recipient.

17 (3) To fund continuing education training for
18 drivers of a covered vehicle operating in a micro-
19 transit service of the recipient.

20 (4) To contract for the provision of activities
21 necessary for the provisions of a microtransit serv-
22 ice, including capital management and operations-re-
23 lated activities.

24 (5) To acquire software or license technology
25 that facilitates microtransit services.

1 (6) Any other uses determined by the Secretary
2 to improve the accessibility or availability of micro-
3 transit services for individuals with disabilities or
4 mobility impairments.

5 (f) CAMERA SYSTEM REQUIREMENT.—

6 (1) STIPULATION.—As a condition of receiving
7 funds under the Pilot Program, each recipient shall
8 agree to install, if necessary, and maintain on each
9 vehicle of the microtransit service of the recipient an
10 interior camera system—

11 (A) capable of recording passengers and
12 drivers on the vehicle; and

13 (B) that may—

14 (i) continuously record video and
15 audio while the vehicle is engaged in pas-
16 senger service;

17 (ii) be tamper-resistant;

18 (iii) retain recordings for 30 days or
19 more; and

20 (iv) produce recordings in a format
21 accessible to the recipient and, upon lawful
22 request, law enforcement.

23 (2) RECORDING ACCESS LIMITATIONS.—A re-
24 cording produced by an interior camera system
25 maintained pursuant to paragraph (1) may not be

1 released to the public and access to the recording
2 shall be limited to—

3 (A) employees of the recipient who the re-
4 cipient authorizes to access; and

5 (B) law enforcement pursuant to a lawful
6 request.

7 (g) LABOR STANDARDS.—The Secretary shall apply
8 the requirements of section 5333 of title 49, United States
9 Code, to projects financed with Pilot Program grant
10 funds.

11 (h) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the
12 Pilot Program under this section shall terminate on the
13 date that is 5 years after the date on which the Pilot Pro-
14 gram commences.

15 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
17 \$20,000,000 to carry out this section. Such amount is au-
18 thorized to remain available through the fiscal year in
19 which the Pilot Program is terminated pursuant to sub-
20 section (f).

21 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
23 tity” means—

24 (A) a State government;

25 (B) a local government;

1 (C) a Tribal organization; or

2 (D) a metropolitan planning organization.

3 (2) COVERED VEHICLE.—The term “covered ve-
4 hicle” means a multi-passenger vehicle that, to be
5 accessible to individuals with disabilities or mobility
6 impairments (including individuals who use a wheel-
7 chair), is equipped with handicap accessible designs,
8 including—

9 (A) a ramp;

10 (B) a hydraulic mechanism designed to
11 load and unload a wheelchair; and

12 (C) any other handicap accessible designs
13 determined appropriate by the Secretary.

14 (3) FIXED ROUTE SYSTEM.—The term “fixed
15 route system” has the meaning given such term in
16 section 221 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
17 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12141).

18 (4) MICROTRANSIT SERVICE.—The term
19 “microtransit service” means a technology-enabled,
20 on-demand service with dynamically generated rout-
21 ing that uses a managed fleet of multi-passenger ve-
22 hicles dedicated to that service.

23 (5) ON-DEMAND SERVICE.—With respect to a
24 microtransit service, the term “on-demand service”
25 includes the following:

1 (A) A service to connect an individual from
2 a starting point to a fixed route system or from
3 a fixed route system to a destination of the in-
4 dividual.

5 (B) A hub-to-hub zone-based service.

6 (C) A service that is a commingling of a
7 general transit service and a paratransit or
8 other special transportation service provided in
9 accordance with section 223 of the Americans
10 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
11 12143).

12 (D) A point-to-point service within a spe-
13 cific zone or limited geographic area.

14 (E) Any other similar service, as deter-
15 mined by the Secretary of Transportation.

16 (6) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term “Tribal
17 organization” has the meaning given such term in
18 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
19 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

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