

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Page 499, after line 22, add the following:

1 **SEC. 163 . GAO REVIEW OF EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS AT**

2 **STATE DOTS.**

3 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
5 shall undertake a review of the extent to which State de-
6 partments of transportation have in place best practices,
7 standards, and protocols designed to ensure equity consid-
8 erations in transportation planning, project selection, and
9 project delivery, including considerations of the diverse
10 transportation needs of low-income populations, minority
11 populations, women, and other diverse populations.

12 (b) EVALUATION.—After the completion of the review
13 under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall issue
14 and make available on a publicly accessible Website a re-
15 port detailing—

16 (1) findings based on the review in subsection

17 (a);

18 (2) a comprehensive set of recommendations for

19 State departments of transportation to improve eq-

1 uity considerations, which may include model legisla-
2 tion, best practices, or guidance; and

3 (3) any recommendations to Congress for addi-
4 tional statutory authority needed to support State
5 department of transportation efforts to incorporate
6 equity considerations into transportation planning,
7 project selection, and project delivery.

8 (c) REPORT.—After completing the review and eval-
9 uation required under subsections (a) and (b), and not
10 later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
11 the Comptroller General shall make available on a publicly
12 accessible Website, a report that includes—

13 (1) findings based on the review conducted
14 under subsection (a);

15 (2) the outcome of the evaluation conducted
16 under subsection (b);

17 (3) a comprehensive set of recommendations to
18 improve equity considerations in the public transpor-
19 tation industry, including recommendations for stat-
20 utory changes if applicable; and

21 (4) the actions that the Secretary of Transpor-
22 tation could take to effectively address the rec-
23 ommendations provided under paragraph (3).

Page 872, after line 24, add the following:

1 **SEC. 511__ TRANSPORTATION EQUITY RESEARCH PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
4 shall carry out a transportation equity research program
5 for research and demonstration activities that focus on the
6 impacts that surface transportation planning, investment,
7 and operations have on low-income populations, minority
8 populations, women, and other underserved populations
9 that may be dependent on public transportation. Such ac-
10 tivities shall include research on surface transportation eq-
11 uity issues, the development of strategies to advance eco-
12 nomic and community development in public transpor-
13 tation-dependent populations, and the development of
14 training programs that promote the employment of low-
15 income populations, minority populations, women, and
16 other underserved populations on Federal-aid transpor-
17 tation projects constructed in their communities.

18 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2025.

21 (c) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts made
22 available to the Secretary to carry out this section shall
23 remain available for a period of 3 years beginning after
24 the last day of the fiscal year for which the amounts are
25 authorized.

Page 934, after line 19, add the following:

1 **SEC. 550__ GAO REVIEW OF DISCRETIONARY GRANT PRO-**
2 **GRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
5 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
6 Appropriations and Committee on Transportation and In-
7 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
8 mittees on Environment and Public Works; Appropria-
9 tions; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and Com-
10 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a review
11 of the extent to which the Secretary is considering the
12 needs of and awarding funding through covered discre-
13 tionary grant programs to projects that serve—

14 (1) (A) low-income communities;

15 (2) minority communities; and

16 (3) populations that are underserved or have
17 limited transportation choices, including women.

18 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Comptroller General
19 shall include as part of the review under subsection (a)
20 recommendations to the Secretary on possible means to
21 improve consideration of projects that serve the unique
22 needs of communities described in subsection (a)(1).

23 (c) DEFINITION OF COVERED DISCRETIONARY
24 GRANT PROGRAM.—For purposes of this section, the term

1 “covered discretionary grant programs” means the
2 Projects of National and Regional Significance program
3 under section 117 of title 23, the Community Transpor-
4 tation Investment Grant program under section 173 of
5 such title, the Community Climate Innovation Grant pro-
6 gram under section 172 of such title, and the grants for
7 fueling and charging infrastructure under section 151 of
8 such title.

