

**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY MR. DESAULNIER OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle A of title III of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 3 \_\_\_\_ . METROPOLITAN PLANNING ENHANCEMENT**

2 **ACT.**

3 (a) METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.—

4 (1) DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
5 PLAN.—Section 134(i) of title 23, United States  
6 Code, is amended—

7 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and  
8 (8) as paragraphs (8) and (9); and

9 (B) by inserting after paragraph (6) the  
10 following:

11 “(7) PROJECT SELECTION TRANSPARENCY AND  
12 ACCOUNTABILITY.—Projects included in the adopted  
13 transportation plan shall be selected through a pub-  
14 licly available transparent process that includes use  
15 of criteria that directly support factors in subsection  
16 (h), the national transportation goals under section  
17 150(b), and applicable State transportation goals.  
18 The criteria shall be used to publicly categorize the  
19 highest performing projects.”.

1           (2) METROPOLITAN TIP.—Section 134(j)(2)(A)  
2           of title 23, United States Code is amended by add-  
3           ing after the period at the end the following:

4           “Projects included in the priority list shall come from  
5           the highest performing category of projects identified in  
6           the transportation plan under subsection (i)(7). If a lower-  
7           categorized project is included in the priority project list,  
8           a public description shall be included to explain why the  
9           lower-categorized project is included before a higher-cat-  
10          egorized project, including geographic balance and  
11          projects in economically distressed areas.”.

12          (b) STATEWIDE AND NONMETROPOLITAN TRANSPOR-  
13          TATION PLANNING.—

14           (1) LONG-RANGE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION  
15          PLAN.—Section 135(f) of title 23, United States  
16          Code, is amended—

17                  (A) by redesignating paragraph (9) as  
18                  paragraph (10); and

19                  (B) by inserting after paragraph (8) the  
20                  following:

21           “(9) PROJECT SELECTION TRANSPARENCY AND  
22          ACCOUNTABILITY.—Projects included in the adopted  
23          long-range statewide transportation plan shall be se-  
24          lected through a publicly available transparent proc-  
25          ess that includes use of criteria that directly support

1 factors in subsection (d), the national transportation  
2 goals under section 150(b), and applicable State  
3 transportation goals. The criteria shall be used to  
4 publicly categorize the highest performing projects.”.

5 (2) STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVE-  
6 MENT PLAN.—Section 135(g)(5)(A) of title 23,  
7 United States Code is amended by adding after the  
8 period at the end the following:

9 “Projects included in the transportation improvement  
10 program shall come from the highest performing category  
11 of projects identified in the transportation plan under sub-  
12 section (f)(9). If a lower-categorized project is included in  
13 the priority project list, a public description shall be in-  
14 cluded to explain why the lower-categorized project is in-  
15 cluded before a higher-categorized project, including geo-  
16 graphic balance and projects in economically distressed  
17 areas.”.

18 (c) METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.—

19 (1) DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
20 PLAN.—Section 5303(i) of chapter 53 of title 49,  
21 United States Code, is amended—

22 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and  
23 (8) as paragraphs (8) and (9); and

24 (B) by inserting after paragraph (6) the  
25 following:

1           “(7) PROJECT SELECTION TRANSPARENCY AND  
2           ACCOUNTABILITY.—Projects included in the adopted  
3           transportation plan shall be selected through a pub-  
4           licly available transparent process that includes use  
5           of criteria that directly support factors in subsection  
6           (h), the national transportation goals under section  
7           150(b), and applicable State transportation goals.  
8           The criteria shall be used to publicly categorize the  
9           highest performing projects.”.

10           (2)           METROPOLITAN           TIP.—Section  
11           5303(j)(2)(A) of chapter 53 of title 49, United  
12           States Code is amended by adding after the period  
13           at the end the following:

14           “Projects included in the priority list shall come from  
15           the highest performing category of projects identified in  
16           the transportation plan under subsection (i)(7). If a lower-  
17           categorized project is included in the priority project list,  
18           a public description shall be included to explain why the  
19           lower-categorized project is included before a higher-cat-  
20           egorized project, including geographic balance and  
21           projects in economically distressed areas.”.

22           (d) STATEWIDE AND NONMETROPOLITAN TRANSPOR-  
23           TATION PLANNING.—

1           (1) LONG-RANGE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION  
2           PLAN.—Section 5304(f) of chapter 53 of title 49,  
3           United States Code, is amended—

4                   (A) by redesignating paragraph (9) as  
5                   paragraph (10); and

6                   (B) by inserting after paragraph (8) the  
7           following:

8           “(9) PROJECT SELECTION TRANSPARENCY AND  
9           ACCOUNTABILITY.—Projects included in the adopted  
10          long-range statewide transportation plan shall be se-  
11          lected through a publicly available transparent proc-  
12          ess that includes use of criteria that directly support  
13          factors in subsection (d), the national transportation  
14          goals under section 150(b), and applicable State  
15          transportation goals. The criteria shall be used to  
16          publicly categorize the highest performing projects.”.

17          (2) STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVE-  
18          MENT PLAN.—Section 5304(g)(5)(A) of chapter 53  
19          of title 49, United States Code, is amended by add-  
20          ing after the period at the end the following:

21          “Projects included in the statewide transportation  
22          improvement program shall come from the highest per-  
23          forming category of projects identified in the transpor-  
24          tation plan under subsection (f)(9). If a lower-categorized  
25          project is included in the priority project list, a public de-

1 scription shall be included to explain why the lower-cat-  
2 egorized project is included before a higher-categorized  
3 project, including geographic balance and projects in eco-  
4 nomically distresses areas.”.

