

AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MR. GARCÍA OF ILLINOIS

At the end of subtitle A of title III, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 3 ___. COMMUTER RAIL BRIDGE GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 53 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5312
4 the following (and in coordination with the amendments
5 made by subtitle C of this title, transferring to appear as
6 the last section in subchapter I of chapter 53, United
7 States Code):

8 **“§ 5313. Commuter rail bridge grants**

9 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) COMMUTER RAIL.—The term ‘commuter
11 rail’ shall have the meaning given the term by the
12 Secretary for purposes of reporting to the national
13 transit database under section 5335.

14 “(2) COMMUTER RAIL BRIDGE.—The term
15 ‘commuter rail bridge’—

16 “(A) means a bridge used in commuter rail
17 operations; and

18 “(B) includes a bridge described in sub-
19 paragraph (A) that is also utilized for—

1 “(i) intercity passenger railroad serv-
2 ice;

3 “(ii) other public transportation serv-
4 ice; or

5 “(iii) a roadway.

6 “(3) COVERED GRANT.—The term ‘covered
7 grant’ means a grant awarded under subsection (b).

8 “(b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may make
9 grants to operators of public transportation systems for
10 capital costs of maintenance, replacement, or rehabilita-
11 tion of a commuter rail bridge.

12 “(c) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—

13 “(1) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Except as oth-
14 erwise provided in this section, a covered grant shall
15 be subject to the same terms and conditions as a
16 grant under section 5337.

17 “(2) ELIGIBLE COSTS.—Eligible costs for a
18 project funded by a covered grant shall be limited to
19 the net capital costs of the public transportation
20 costs attributable to the project based on projected
21 use of the commuter rail bridge.

22 “(3) BRIDGE ACCESS AGREEMENT.—Before
23 executing a grant agreement with the Secretary
24 under this section, an operator of a public transpor-
25 tation system seeking a covered grant for a com-

1 muter rail bridge that is not owned by the operator
2 shall establish and maintain an agreement with the
3 owner of the bridge that ensures bridge access by
4 the operator.

5 “(d) COMPETITIVE PROCESS.—The Secretary shall—

6 “(1) not later than 30 days after the date on
7 which amounts are made available for obligation
8 under this section for a full fiscal year, solicit appli-
9 cations for covered grants on a competitive basis;
10 and

11 “(2) award a covered grant based on the solici-
12 tation under paragraph (1) not later than the earlier
13 of—

14 “(A) 75 days after the date on which the
15 solicitation expires; or

16 “(B) the last day of the fiscal year in
17 which the Secretary solicits the applications for
18 covered grants.

19 “(e) CONSIDERATION.—In awarding covered grants,
20 the Secretary shall consider—

21 “(1) the size of the commuter rail system of the
22 applicant;

23 “(2) the amount of funds available to the appli-
24 cant under section 5337;

1 “(3) the age and condition of the commuter rail
2 bridge; and

3 “(4) whether the applicant has identified re-
4 placement of the commuter rail bridge as a priority
5 in the investment prioritization portion of the transit
6 asset management plan developed by the applicant
7 pursuant to part 625 of title 49, Code of Federal
8 Regulations (or successor regulations).”.

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
10 5338 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by add-
11 ing at the end the following:

12 “(f) COMMUTER RAIL BRIDGE GRANTS.—There are
13 authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 5313
14 \$1,500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through
15 2031.”.

