

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. STANTON OF ARIZONA

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

1 **SEC. 3 ____ . PILOT PROGRAM FOR PROVISION OF GRANTS**
2 **TO 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:

1 (A) A description of the types of disabil-
2 ities or mobility impairments of individuals the
3 covered entity expects to provide with micro-
4 transit services through the expenditure of
5 grant funds.

6 (B) The approximate square miles of the
7 geographic area in which the covered entity ex-
8 pects to provide microtransit services through
9 the expenditure of grant funds.

10 (C) Any additional information as the Sec-
11 retary may require.

12 (2) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.—A covered
13 entity may submit an application on behalf of a
14 partnership between a covered entity and a private
15 entity for the provision of a microtransit service.

16 (c) SELECTION.—

17 (1) CRITERIA.—In selecting applicants to re-
18 ceive a grant under the Pilot Program, the Secretary
19 shall select a covered entity based on criteria estab-
20 lished by the Secretary.

21 (2) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall prioritize
22 for receipt of a grant under the Pilot Program appli-
23 cants—

1 (A) whose applications demonstrate how
2 each microtransit service intended to be ac-
3 quired or provided using grant funds will—

4 (i) provide greater accessibility for in-
5 dividuals with disabilities or mobility im-
6 pairments;

7 (ii) address a lack of accessible service
8 in the geographic area in which the cov-
9 ered entity expects to provide microtransit
10 services through the expenditure of grant
11 funds; and

12 (iii) deliver economic benefits in such
13 geographic area, such as improving access
14 to jobs or promoting local economic devel-
15 opment through enhanced mobility; and

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

17 (i) provide wheelchair accessible vehi-
18 cles and accessible mobile applications for
19 use in microtransit services;

20 (ii) enable low-income individuals, in-
21 cluding individuals without access to
22 smartphone technology or a credit card, to
23 access any transportation services made
24 available through the project;

1 (iii) carry out an allowable use de-
2 scribed in subsection (e) that improves the
3 performance of the transit and micro-
4 transit services system of the applicant;

5 (iv) accelerate the deployment of ad-
6 vanced transit technologies, including
7 shared-use mobility services;

8 (v) improve safety within the area
9 serviced by the applicant; or

10 (vi) directly hire workers to perform
11 microtransit services within the system of
12 the applicant.

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

16 (e) ALLOWABLE USES.—A recipient of a grant under
17 the Pilot Program may use grant funds for the following
18 uses:

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

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

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

4 (4) To contract for the provision of activities
5 necessary for the provisions of a microtransit serv-
6 ice, including capital management and operations-re-
7 lated activities.

8 (5) To acquire software or license technology
9 that facilitates microtransit services.

10 (6) Any other uses determined by the Secretary
11 to improve the accessibility or availability of micro-
12 transit services for individuals with disabilities or
13 mobility impairments.

14 (f) CAMERA SYSTEM REQUIREMENT.—

15 (1) STIPULATION.—As a condition of receiving
16 funds under the Pilot Program, each recipient shall
17 agree to install, if necessary, and maintain on each
18 vehicle of the microtransit service of the recipient an
19 interior camera system—

20 (A) capable of recording passengers and
21 drivers on the vehicle; and

22 (B) that may—

23 (i) continuously record video and
24 audio while the vehicle is engaged in pas-
25 senger service;

- 1 (ii) be tamper-resistant;
- 2 (iii) retain recordings for 30 days or
- 3 more; and
- 4 (iv) produce recordings in a format
- 5 accessible to the recipient and, upon lawful
- 6 request, law enforcement.

7 (2) RECORDING ACCESS LIMITATIONS.—A re-

8 cording produced by an interior camera system

9 maintained pursuant to paragraph (1) may not be

10 released to the public and access to the recording

11 shall be limited to—

12 (A) employees of the recipient who the re-

13 cipient authorizes to access; and

14 (B) law enforcement pursuant to a lawful

15 request.

16 (g) LABOR STANDARDS.—The Secretary shall apply

17 the requirements of section 5333 of title 49, United States

18 Code, to projects financed with Pilot Program grant

19 funds.

20 (h) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the

21 Pilot Program under this section shall terminate on the

22 date that is 5 years after the date on which the Pilot Pro-

23 gram commences.

24 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is

25 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary

1 \$20,000,000 to carry out this section. Such amount is au-
2 thorized to remain available through the fiscal year in
3 which the Pilot Program is terminated pursuant to sub-
4 section (f).

5 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

8 (A) a State government;

9 (B) a local government;

10 (C) a Tribal organization; or

11 (D) a metropolitan planning organization.

12 (2) COVERED VEHICLE.—The term “covered ve-
13 hicle” means a multi-passenger vehicle that, to be
14 accessible to individuals with disabilities or mobility
15 impairments (including individuals who use a wheel-
16 chair), is equipped with handicap accessible designs,
17 including—

18 (A) a ramp;

19 (B) a hydraulic mechanism designed to
20 load and unload a wheelchair; and

21 (C) any other handicap accessible designs
22 determined appropriate by the Secretary.

23 (3) FIXED ROUTE SYSTEM.—The term “fixed
24 route system” has the meaning given such term in

1 section 221 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
2 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12141).

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

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

11 (A) A service to connect an individual from
12 a starting point to a fixed route system or from
13 a fixed route system to a destination of the in-
14 dividual.

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

16 (C) A service that is a commingling of a
17 general transit service and a paratransit or
18 other special transportation service provided in
19 accordance with section 223 of the Americans
20 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
21 12143).

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

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

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

