

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3387

To increase funding for the Capital Investment Grant program of the Federal Transit Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2020

Ms. HASSAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Capital Investment
5 Grant Program Improvement Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
8 5338(d) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by striking “Federal Public Transportation
10 Act of 2015, \$2,301,785,760” and inserting the fol-

1 lowing: “Federal Public Transportation Act of
2 2015—

3 “(A) \$2,301,785,760”; and

4 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
5 ing the following: “; and

6 “(B) \$3,300,000,000 for each of fiscal
7 years 2021 through 2025.”.

8 (b) CONSIDERATION OF INTEROPERABILITY.—Sec-
9 tion 5309(g)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amend-
10 ed by adding at the end the following:

11 “(D) CONSIDERATION OF INTEROPER-
12 ABILITY.—

13 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-
14 graph—

15 “(I) the terms ‘commuter rail
16 passenger transportation’ and ‘inter-
17 city rail passenger transportation’
18 have the meanings given those terms
19 in section 24102; and

20 “(II) the term ‘small urbanized
21 area’ means an urbanized area with a
22 population of less than 350,000 peo-
23 ple.

24 “(ii) CONSIDERATION OF INTEROPER-
25 ABILITY.—A new fixed guideway capital

1 project that receives a medium-low rating
 2 for the project justification criteria under
 3 subsection (d)(2)(A)(iii) shall nonetheless
 4 be eligible for an overall rating of medium
 5 under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph
 6 if the Secretary determines that the project
 7 would connect a small urbanized area to,
 8 and be interoperable with, an existing (as
 9 of the date of the grant application) inter-
 10 city rail passenger transportation network,
 11 commuter rail passenger transportation
 12 network, or rail fixed guideway public
 13 transportation system located within a
 14 100-mile radius of a terminus of the
 15 project.”.

16 (c) REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE FIXED GUIDEWAY
 17 PROJECTS.—

18 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

19 (A) the term “rural area” has the meaning
 20 given the term in section 5302 of title 49,
 21 United States Code; and

22 (B) the term “small urbanized area” has
 23 the meaning given the term in section 5309(r)
 24 of title 49, United States Code, as added by
 25 subsection (b).

1 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
3 Transportation shall issue a report on financing and
4 technical barriers to the construction and operation
5 of fixed guideway transportation projects with a
6 total estimated capital cost of not more than
7 \$500,000 in small urbanized areas and rural areas.

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