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To amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to funding for certain safety projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. COHEN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. CARSON of Indiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Safe Routes to School
5 Expansion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

7 Section 148 of title 23, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (4)(B)—

2 (i) by striking clause (xviii) and in-
3 serting the following:

4 “(xviii) Safe Routes to School infra-
5 structure related projects, as defined in
6 section 1404(f) of SAFETEA-LU (23
7 U.S.C. 402 note).”;

8 (ii) in clause (xxvi) by inserting “or
9 leading pedestrian intervals” after “bea-
10 cons”;

11 (iii) by redesignating clause (xxviii) as
12 clause (xxix);

13 (iv) by inserting after clause (xxvii)
14 the following:

15 “(xxviii) Installation of infrastructure
16 improvements that create safe routes to
17 bus stops including sidewalks, crosswalks,
18 signage, and bus stop shelters or protected
19 waiting areas.”; and

20 (v) in clause (xxix), as redesignated,
21 by striking “(xxvii)” and inserting
22 “(xxviii)”;

23 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (10)
24 through (12) as paragraphs (11) through (13),
25 respectively;

1 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the
2 following:

3 “(10) SAFETY PROJECT UNDER ANY OTHER
4 SECTION.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘safety
6 project under any other section’ means a
7 project carried out for the purposes of safety
8 under any section of this title other than this
9 section.

10 “(B) INCLUSION.—The term ‘safety
11 project under any other section’ includes a
12 project, consistent with the State strategic high-
13 way safety plan, that—

14 “(i) promotes public awareness and
15 informs the public regarding highway safe-
16 ty matters (including motorcycle safety
17 and school bus stop safety);

18 “(ii) facilitates enforcement of traffic
19 safety laws; and

20 “(iii) supports Safe Routes to School
21 non-infrastructure projects, as defined in
22 section 1404(f) of SAFETEA-LU (23
23 U.S.C. 402 note).”; and

24 (D) in paragraph (12)(A), as so redesign-
25 nated—

1 (i) in clause (ix) by striking “and”;

2 (ii) by redesignating clause (x) as
3 clause (xi); and

4 (iii) by inserting after clause (ix) the
5 following:

6 “(x) State or local representatives of
7 educational agencies to address Safe
8 Routes to School and school bus safety;
9 and”;

10 (2) in subsection (c)(1)(A) by striking “(11)”
11 and inserting “(12)”;

12 (3) in subsection (d)(2)(B)(i) by striking
13 “(11)” and inserting “(12)”;

14 (4) in subsection (e) by adding at the end the
15 following:

16 “(3) FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR SAFETY
17 PROJECTS UNDER ANY OTHER SECTION.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To advance the imple-
19 mentation of a State strategic highway plan, a
20 State may use not more than 25 percent of the
21 amounts apportioned to the State under section
22 104(b)(3) for a fiscal year to carry out safety
23 projects under any other section.

24 “(B) OTHER TRANSPORTATION AND SAFE-
25 TY PLANS.—Nothing in this paragraph requires

1 a State to revise any State process, plan, or
2 program in effect on the date of enactment of
3 this paragraph.”.

4 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL SHARE PAYABLE.**

5 Section 120(c)(1) of title 23, United States Code, is
6 amended by inserting “an improvement for pedestrian or
7 bicyclist safety or safety of people with disabilities, Safe
8 Routes to School improvements,” after “utility poles,”.

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