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To re-establish an advisory committee to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation regarding comprehensive, interdisciplinary issues related to transportation from a variety of stakeholders in transportation planning, design, research, policy, and advocacy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2025

Ms. WILSON of Florida (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CARSON, Ms. TLAIB, and Mrs. MCIVER) 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 “Transportation Equity
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EQUITY AD-**
2 **VISORY COMMITTEE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120 days after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
5 portation shall establish an advisory committee, to be
6 known as the Transportation Equity Committee (referred
7 to in this Act as the “Committee”), regarding comprehen-
8 sive and interdisciplinary issues related to transportation
9 equity from a variety of stakeholders in transportation
10 planning, design, research, policy, and advocacy.

11 (b) PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The
12 Committee established under subsection (a) shall provide
13 independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary
14 on transportation equity, including developing a strategic
15 plan with recommendations to the Secretary on national
16 transportation metrics and the effect on such factors as
17 economic development, connectivity, and public engage-
18 ment.

19 (c) DUTIES.—The Committee shall evaluate the De-
20 partment’s work in connecting people to economic and re-
21 lated forms of opportunity and revitalize communities in
22 carrying out its strategic, research, technological, regu-
23 latory, community engagement, and economic policy ac-
24 tivities related to transportation and opportunity. Deci-
25 sions directly affecting implementation of transportation
26 policy remain with the Secretary.

1 (d) MEMBERSHIP.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall appoint
3 an odd number of members of not less than 9 but
4 not more than 15 members (with a quorum con-
5 sisting of a majority of members rounded up to the
6 nearest odd number), to include balanced represen-
7 tation from academia, community groups, industry
8 and business, non-governmental organizations, State
9 and local governments, federally recognized Tribal
10 Governments, advocacy organizations, and indige-
11 nous groups with varying points of view.

12 (2) BROAD REPRESENTATION.—To the extent
13 practicable, members of the Committee shall reflect
14 a variety of backgrounds and experiences, geo-
15 graphic diversity, including urban, rural, tribal, ter-
16 ritories, and underserved and marginalized commu-
17 nities throughout the country, and individuals with
18 expertise in related areas such as housing, health
19 care, and the environment.

20 (3) REPLACEMENT FOR NON-ACTIVE MEM-
21 BERS.—The Secretary may remove a non-active
22 member who misses 3 consecutive meetings and ap-
23 point a replacement to service for the period of time
24 set forth in subsection (f).

1 (e) MEETINGS.—The Committee shall meet not less
2 than 2 times each year with not more than 9 months be-
3 tween meetings at a reasonable time, in a place accessible
4 to the public, and in a room large enough to accommodate
5 the Committee members, staff, and a reasonable number
6 of interested members of the public. The room in which
7 the Committee meets shall be large enough to accommo-
8 date at least 100 and shall be compliant with the Ameri-
9 cans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et
10 seq.).

11 (f) TERM.—Each member of the Committee shall
12 serve a 2-year term with not more than 2 consecutive term
13 reappointments, but may continue service until a replace-
14 ment is appointed.

15 (g) SUPPORT.—The Office of the Under Secretary for
16 Policy of the Department of Transportation shall provide
17 necessary funding, logistics, and administrative support
18 for the Committee.

19 (h) APPLICATION OF FACA.—The Federal Advisory
20 Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.) shall apply, except section
21 14, to the Committee established under this section.

22 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
24 shall appoint a full-time Federal employee to serve as the
25 coordinator of the Committee on Transportation Equity

1 and act as the Designated Federal Officer for the Trans-
2 portation Equity Committee. The designated Federal offi-
3 cer shall ensure that administrative support is provided
4 for the Committee.

5 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Designated Federal Of-
6 ficer shall—

7 (1) call meetings of the Committee, and any
8 subcommittees that the Committee designates, after
9 consultation with the Chair;

10 (2) formulate and approve an agenda, in con-
11 sultation with the Chair, for each meeting;

12 (3) notify all Committee members of the time,
13 place, and agenda for any meeting;

14 (4) provide administrative support for all meet-
15 ings of the Committee;

16 (5) attend each Committee and subcommittee
17 meeting;

18 (6) maintain all Advisory Committee on Trans-
19 portation Equity files and records, including minutes
20 from each meeting;

21 (7) adjourn any meeting when it is determined
22 to be in the public interest and chair meetings when
23 directed to do so by the Secretary;

24 (8) make available to the public meeting notes
25 and information; and

- 1 (9) publish notice of any meeting of the Com-
- 2 mittee in the Federal Register at least 15 days be-
- 3 fore such meeting.

