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To amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the assistance available for recipients of assistance under chapter 53 of such title for acquisition of real property interests, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2026

Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. BRESNAHAN, and Ms. FRIEDMAN) 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 “Modal Parity in Per-
5 mitting Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5323(q) of title 49,
8 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in the heading by striking “CORRIDOR
 2 PRESERVATION” and inserting “REAL PROPERTY
 3 INTERESTS”;

4 (2) in paragraph (1) by striking “right-of-way”
 5 each time it appears and inserting “real property in-
 6 terests”;

7 (3) by inserting “acquired” after “may use
 8 the”; and

9 (4) in paragraph (2) by striking “Right-of-way”
 10 and inserting “Real property interests”.

11 (b) UPDATES REQUIRED.—Not later than 6 months
 12 after the date of enactment of this Act the Administrator
 13 of the Federal Transit Administration shall update FTA
 14 Circular 5010.1F, or any successor circular or regulations,
 15 and any other necessary guidance necessary to implement
 16 the amendments made by subsection (a).

17 **SEC. 3. PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT TRANSACTIONS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 242 of title 49, United
 19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 20 lowing:

21 **“§ 24203. Passenger rail project transactions**

22 “(a) REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS.—A recipient of fi-
 23 nancial assistance under chapter 229, 249, or 243 may
 24 use such assistance to acquire through purchase, lease, or
 25 otherwise secure or control real property interests before

1 or during the completion of the environmental reviews for
2 a project that may use such property interests if the acqui-
3 sition or related transaction is otherwise permitted by
4 Federal law.

5 “(b) TIMING OF DEVELOPMENT.—A real property in-
6 terest acquired, leased, or otherwise secured or controlled
7 under subsection (a) may not be physically developed or
8 improved in anticipation of the proposed project until all
9 required environmental reviews for the project have been
10 completed.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
12 ter 242 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
13 adding at the end the following:

“24203. Passenger rail project transactions.”.

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