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H. R. 9926

To amend title 49, United States Code, to include certain ridership forecasting methods in determinations of whether a project under the fixed guideway capital investment grants program is justified, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2026

Mr. OWENS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. STANTON) 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 “Promoting Access to
5 Transit in High-Growth Communities Act” or the “PATH
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FIXED GUIDEWAY CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS.**

2 Section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in subsection (d)(2)(B)—

5 (A) in clause (i) by striking “recipient;”
6 and inserting “recipient, which may include rid-
7 ership forecasting methods that account for
8 population density, population growth rate, and
9 development planning activities as described in
10 section 20005(b)(2) of MAP-21 (49 U.S.C.
11 5303 note);”; and

12 (B) in clause (ii) by striking “population
13 density” and all that follows through the period
14 at the end and inserting “population density or
15 population growth rate, whichever population
16 factor is most beneficial to ridership forecasting
17 to the project, current public transportation rid-
18 ership in the corridor, and development plan-
19 ning activities as described in section
20 20005(b)(2) of MAP-21 (49 U.S.C. 5303
21 note).”; and

22 (2) in subsection (e)(2)(B)(i) by striking “re-
23 cipient;” and inserting “recipient, which may include
24 ridership forecasting methods that account for popu-
25 lation density, population growth rate, and develop-

1 ment planning activities as described in section
2 20005(b)(2) of MAP-21 (49 U.S.C. 5303 note);”.

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