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# H. R. 2940

To amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to promote the integration of local land use planning and transportation planning.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

To amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to promote the integration of local land use planning and transportation planning.

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 “Growing Smarter  
5       Through Transportation Infrastructure Act of 2003”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

8               (1) It is in the national interest to encourage  
9       States and local governments to integrate land use  
10      planning with transportation planning in order to—

1 (A) promote the long-term conservation  
2 and preservation of undeveloped open spaces  
3 and farmland; and

4 (B) stimulate the revitalization of estab-  
5 lished urban centers while meeting the Nation's  
6 immediate and long-term transportation needs.

7 (2) It is further in the national interest to en-  
8 sure that Federal funds used to plan, design, build,  
9 and maintain transportation infrastructure are uti-  
10 lized to promote the integration of land use planning  
11 and transportation planning and to ensure that  
12 transportation projects resulting from the process  
13 are consistent with applicable land use plans of af-  
14 fected units of general purpose local government.

15 (3) Conservation and preservation of undevel-  
16 oped open spaces and farmland are consistent with  
17 economic development.

18 **SEC. 3. HIGHWAY PLANNING.**

19 (a) METROPOLITAN PLANNING.—

20 (1) SCOPE OF PLANNING PROCESS.—Section  
21 134(f)(1) of title 23, United States Code, is amend-  
22 ed—

23 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-  
24 paragraph (F);

1 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
2 subparagraph (G) and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(H) ensure consistency with local land  
5 use plans.”.

6 (2) LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.—

7 Section 134(g) of such title is amended by adding at  
8 the end the following:

9 “(7) COORDINATION WITH AFFECTED UNITS OF  
10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The metropolitan planning  
11 organization shall coordinate the development of the  
12 long-range transportation plan with affected units of  
13 general purpose local government to ensure consist-  
14 ency with local land use plans.”.

15 (3) LOCAL LAND USE PLAN DEFINED.—Section  
16 134 of such title is amended by adding at the end  
17 the following:

18 “(p) LOCAL LAND USE PLAN DEFINED.—In this  
19 section and section 135, the term ‘local land use plan’  
20 means a municipal, multimunicipal, county, or multi-  
21 county comprehensive plan or transportation improvement  
22 plan.”.

23 (b) STATEWIDE PLANNING.—

1           (1) SCOPE OF PLANNING PROCESS.—Section  
 2       135(c)(1) of title 23, United States Code, is amend-  
 3       ed—

4                   (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-  
 5       paragraph (F);

6                   (B) by striking the period at the end of  
 7       subparagraph (G) and inserting “; and”; and

8                   (C) by adding at the end the following:

9                   “(H) ensure consistency with local land  
 10       use plans.”.

11           (2) LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.—  
 12       Section 135(e) of such title is amended by adding at  
 13       the end the following:

14                   “(6) COORDINATION WITH AFFECTED UNITS OF  
 15       LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The State shall coordinate  
 16       the development of the long-range transportation  
 17       plan with affected units of general purpose local gov-  
 18       ernment to ensure consistency with local land use  
 19       plans.”.

20   **SEC. 4. TRANSIT PLANNING.**

21       (a) METROPOLITAN PLANNING.—

22           (1) SCOPE OF PLANNING PROCESS.—Section  
 23       5303(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amend-  
 24       ed—

1 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-  
 2 paragraph (F);

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
 4 subparagraph (G) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(H) ensure consistency with local land  
 7 use plans.”.

8 (2) LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.—

9 Section 5303(f) of such title is amended by adding  
 10 at the end the following:

11 “(7) COORDINATION WITH AFFECTED UNITS OF  
 12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The metropolitan planning  
 13 organization shall coordinate the development of the  
 14 long-range transportation plan with affected units of  
 15 general purpose local government to ensure consist-  
 16 ency with local land use plans.”.

17 (3) LOCAL LAND USE PLAN DEFINED.—Section  
 18 5303 of such title is amended by adding at the end  
 19 the following:

20 “(i) LOCAL LAND USE PLAN DEFINED.—In this sec-  
 21 tion and section 5304, the term ‘local land use plan’  
 22 means a municipal, multimunicipal, county, or multi-  
 23 county comprehensive plan or transportation improvement  
 24 plan.”.

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