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H. R. 3686

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

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

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 “Growing Smarter
5 Through Transportation Infrastructure Act of 2005”.

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(e)(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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