

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2337

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for certain transportation feasibility studies for southern New Mexico and west Texas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2009

Mr. TEAGUE (for himself and Mr. REYES) 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 “Southwestern Transit
5 Corridor Planning and Fuel Use Reduction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RAIL RUNNER EXTENSION FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

7 The Secretary of Transportation shall make a grant
8 to the New Mexico Mid Region Council of Governments
9 to conduct, working in cooperation with the appropriate
10 municipalities, metropolitan planning organizations, and

1 rural planning organizations in New Mexico and Texas,
2 a transportation corridor feasibility study to evaluate and
3 provide recommendations regarding the costs, benefits, ob-
4 stacles, impacts and feasibility of various transit tech-
5 nology, alignments, and funding options for extending the
6 New Mexico rail runner express commuter rail service
7 south from Belen, New Mexico, to El Paso, Texas, or to
8 intermediate points.

9 **SEC. 3. LAS CRUCES AND EL PASO FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

10 The Secretary of Transportation shall make a grant
11 to the city of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the city of
12 El Paso, Texas, to conduct, in cooperation with the Las
13 Cruces metropolitan planning organization and the El
14 Paso metropolitan planning organization, a transportation
15 corridor feasibility study to evaluate and provide rec-
16 ommendations regarding the costs, benefits, obstacles, im-
17 pacts, and feasibility of various transit technology, align-
18 ments, and funding options for a public transit system,
19 including the option of commuter rail, that would connect
20 Las Cruces and El Paso.

21 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
23 may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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