

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2746

To amend title 49, United States Code, to allow for additional transportation assistance grants.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 2009

Mr. CARNAHAN (for himself and Ms. MATSUI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

---

## A BILL

To amend title 49, United States Code, to allow for additional transportation assistance grants.

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. EXPANSION OF TRANSIT OPERATING ASSIST-**  
4       **ANCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

5       Section 5307(b) of title 49, United States Code, is  
6       amended as follows:

7               (1) In paragraph (1)—

8                       (A) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “,

9                       or an urbanized area with a population of at

10                      least 200,000 if the State or regional authority

1 providing public transportation for the area op-  
2 erates less than 100 buses in fixed-route service  
3 in the area during peak service hours” after  
4 “200,000”;

5 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)  
6 and (F) as subparagraphs (J) and (K), respec-  
7 tively; and

8 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)  
9 the following new subparagraphs:

10 “(E) operating costs of equipment and fa-  
11 cilities for use in public transportation in an ur-  
12 banized area with a population of 200,000 or  
13 more, but not more than 400,000, if the State  
14 or regional authority providing public transpor-  
15 tation for the area operates at least 100 buses  
16 in fixed-route service in the area during peak  
17 service hours;

18 “(F) operating costs of equipment and fa-  
19 cilities for use in public transportation in an ur-  
20 banized area with a population of 400,000 or  
21 more, but not more than 600,000;

22 “(G) operating costs of equipment and fa-  
23 cilities for use in public transportation in an ur-  
24 banized area with a population of 600,000 or  
25 more, but not more than 800,000;

1           “(H) operating costs of equipment and fa-  
2           cilities for use in public transportation in an ur-  
3           banized area with a population of 800,000 or  
4           more, but not more than 1,000,000;

5           “(I) operating costs of equipment and fa-  
6           cilities for use in public transportation in an ur-  
7           banized area with a population of 1,000,000 or  
8           more;”.

9           (2) By redesignating paragraph (2) as para-  
10          graph (3).

11          (3) By inserting the following new paragraph:

12          “(2) LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN GRANTS ESTAB-  
13          LISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1).—

14               “(A) With respect to a grant made under  
15               paragraph (1)(E), not more than 50 percent of  
16               the funds available to carry out this section  
17               shall be made available for such grant.

18               “(B) With respect to a grant made under  
19               paragraph (1)(F), not more than 45 percent of  
20               the funds available to carry out this section  
21               shall be made available for such grant.

22               “(C) With respect to a grant made under  
23               paragraph (1)(G), not more than 40 percent of  
24               the funds available to carry out this section  
25               shall be made available for such grant.

1           “(D) With respect to a grant made under  
2           paragraph (1)(H), not more than 35 percent of  
3           the funds available to carry out this section  
4           shall be made available for such grant.

5           “(E) With respect to a grant made under  
6           paragraph (1)(I), not more than 30 percent of  
7           the funds available to carry out this section  
8           shall be made available for such grant.”.

9           (4) By amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-  
10          lows:

11           “(3) CONDITIONAL USE OF FUNDS IN AN UR-  
12          BANIZED AREA WITH A POPULATION OF AT LEAST  
13          200,000.—

14           “(A) In addition to the grants available  
15          under subparagraphs (D), (E), (F), (G), (H),  
16          (I), (J), and (K) of paragraph (1), the Sec-  
17          retary may award grants, from funds made  
18          available to carry out this section for each of  
19          the fiscal years 2010 through 2015, to finance  
20          the operating cost of equipment and facilities  
21          for use in public transportation in an urbanized  
22          area with a population of at least 200,000, if  
23          the designated recipient’s percentage of revenue  
24          for the operating cost of equipment and facili-  
25          ties for use in public transportation from non-

1 Federal sources, excluding farebox revenue, is  
2 greater than such revenue from the previous  
3 fiscal year. The amount available for a grant  
4 under this paragraph shall not exceed the per-  
5 centage of such increase.

6 “(B) In addition to the grants made avail-  
7 able under subparagraphs (D), (E), (F), (G),  
8 (H), (I), (J), and (K) of paragraph (1) and  
9 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Sec-  
10 retary may award grants, from funds made  
11 available to carry out this section for each of  
12 the fiscal years 2010 through 2015, to finance  
13 the operating cost of equipment and facilities  
14 for use in public transportation in an urbanized  
15 area with a population of 200,000 or more, if  
16 the designated recipient was awarded a grant  
17 under the Transit Investments for Greenhouse  
18 Gas and Energy Reduction program, authorized  
19 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment  
20 Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–105; 123 Stat.  
21 209), and demonstrates that such recipient has  
22 achieved—

23 “(i) a minimum 10 percent total en-  
24 ergy savings as a result of the project  
25 funded by the Transit Investments for

1 Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction  
2 grant;

3 “(ii) a minimum 10 percent energy  
4 savings as a percentage of the total energy  
5 usage of the public transit agency as a re-  
6 sult of the project; or

7 “(iii) a minimum 10 percent total  
8 greenhouse gas emission reduction as a re-  
9 sult of the project.

10 “(C) Not less than 10 percent of the funds  
11 available to carry out this section shall be made  
12 available for the grants under subparagraph  
13 (B).”.

○