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# H. R. 1620

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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## A BILL

To expedite the deployment of highway construction projects, and for other purposes.

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 “414 Plan Act of 2015”.

5 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
6 **HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection

8 (b), the requirements of Federal laws and regulations, in-

9 cluding the prevailing rate of wage requirements specified

10 in section 113 of title 23, United States Code, shall not

1 apply to any Federal-aid highway or highway safety con-  
2 struction project.

3 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to  
4 Federal laws and regulations relating to, as determined  
5 by the Secretary of Transportation—

6 (1) the safety or durability of a highway facil-  
7 ity; or

8 (2) public or workplace safety.

9 (c) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to be effective  
10 after the last day of the 5-year period beginning on the  
11 date of enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS REGARDING BICYCLE**  
13 **TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN WALK-**  
14 **WAYS.**

15 (a) REPEAL OF PROTECTION OF NONMOTORIZED  
16 TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC REQUIREMENT.—Section  
17 109(m) of title 23, United States Code, is repealed.

18 (b) DEFINITION OF TRANSPORTATION ALTER-  
19 NATIVES.—Section 101(a)(29) of title 23, United States  
20 Code, is amended to read as follows:

21 “(29) TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES.—The  
22 term ‘transportation alternatives’ means any of the  
23 following activities when carried out as part of any  
24 program or project authorized or funded under this

1 title, or as an independent program or project re-  
2 lated to surface transportation:

3 “(A) Construction, planning, and design of  
4 transportation projects to achieve compliance  
5 with the Americans with Disabilities Act of  
6 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

7 “(B) Construction, planning, and design of  
8 infrastructure-related projects and systems that  
9 will provide safe routes for nondrivers, includ-  
10 ing children, older adults, and individuals with  
11 disabilities to access daily needs.”.

12 (c) REPEAL OF BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION AND PE-  
13 DESTRIAN WALKWAYS AUTHORIZATIONS AND REQUIRE-  
14 MENTS.—Section 217 of title 23, United States Code, and  
15 the item relating to such section in the analysis for chap-  
16 ter 2 of that title, are repealed.

17 (d) PLANNING REQUIREMENTS.—

18 (1) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.—Sections  
19 134(c)(2) and 135(a)(2) of title 23, United States  
20 Code, and sections 5303(c)(2) and 5304(a)(2) of  
21 title 49, United States Code, are amended by strik-  
22 ing “(including accessible pedestrian walkways and  
23 bicycle transportation facilities)”.

24 (2) PARTICIPATION BY INTERESTED PAR-  
25 TIES.—Sections 134(i)(6)(A) and 135(f)(3)(A)(ii) of

1 title 23, United States Code, and sections  
2 5303(i)(6)(A) and 5304(f)(3)(A)(ii) of title 49,  
3 United States Code, are amended by striking “rep-  
4 resentatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bi-  
5 cycle transportation facilities.”.

6 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON NEED FOR COOPERATION**  
7 **TO EXPEDITE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION**  
8 **PROJECTS.**

9 It is the sense of Congress that States, Federal agen-  
10 cies, localities, and private stakeholders should take steps  
11 toward increased cooperation to further expedite surface  
12 transportation projects.

13 **SEC. 5. APPLICABILITY.**

14 This Act, and the amendments made by this Act,  
15 shall apply to fiscal years beginning after the date of en-  
16 actment of this Act.

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