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H. R. 3740

To amend title 23, United States Code, to add a national goal and performance measure to improve road conditions in economically distressed urban communities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California (for herself, Ms. LEE, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. RANGEL) 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 “Integrated Transpor-
5 tation and Economic Development Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

(1) NATIONAL GOALS.—The national goals of the Federal-aid highway program are prescribed in section 150 of title 23, United States Code, as follows:

(A) SAFETY.—To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

(B) INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITION.—To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair.

(C) CONGESTION REDUCTION.—To achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System.

(D) SYSTEM RELIABILITY.—To improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system.

(E) FREIGHT MOVEMENT AND ECONOMIC VITALITY.—To improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development.

(F) ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY.—To enhance the performance of the transpor-

1 tation system while protecting and enhancing
2 the natural environment.

3 (G) REDUCED PROJECT DELIVERY
4 DELAYS.—To reduce project costs, promote jobs
5 and the economy, and expedite the movement of
6 people and goods by accelerating project com-
7 pletion through eliminating delays in the project
8 development and delivery process, including re-
9 ducing regulatory burdens and improving agen-
10 cies' work practices.

11 (2) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—Section 150 of
12 title 23, United States Code, requires the Secretary
13 of Transportation to establish performance measures
14 for States to use to assess progress towards the
15 achievement of the national goals of the Federal-aid
16 highway program.

17 (3) PERFORMANCE TARGETS.—Section 150 of
18 such title also requires each State to set perform-
19 ance targets that reflect the performance measures
20 established by the Secretary of Transportation and
21 to submit periodic reports to the Secretary that de-
22 scribe progress in achieving the performance targets.

23 (4) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—It is impor-
24 tant that both urban and rural communities in the
25 United States benefit from the Federal-aid highway

1 program and receive an equitable distribution of
2 Federal transportation funds.

3 (5) IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGH-
4 WAYS FOR ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED URBAN COM-
5 MUNITIES.—Public roads and highways that are
6 safe, reliable, and in a state of good repair are espe-
7 cially important for economically distressed urban
8 communities.

9 (6) NEEDS OF ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED
10 URBAN COMMUNITIES.—Not one of the national
11 goals of the Federal-aid highway program mention
12 the needs of economically distressed urban commu-
13 nities.

14 (7) NEW GOAL.—The national goals of the Fed-
15 eral-aid highway program need to be amended to in-
16 clude a goal to improve road conditions in economi-
17 cally distressed urban communities and increase ac-
18 cess to jobs, markets, and economic opportunities for
19 people who live in these communities.

20 **SEC. 3. NEW NATIONAL GOAL, PERFORMANCE MEASURE,**
21 **PERFORMANCE TARGET.**

22 (a) NATIONAL GOAL.—Section 150(b) of title 23,
23 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
24 following:

1 “(8) INTEGRATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.—
2 To improve road conditions in economically dis-
3 tressed urban communities and increase access to
4 jobs, markets, and economic opportunities for people
5 who live in such communities.”.

6 (b) PERFORMANCE MEASURE.—Section 150(c) of
7 such title is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(7) INTEGRATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.—
9 The Secretary shall establish measures for States to
10 use to assess the conditions, accessibility, and reli-
11 ability of roads in economically distressed urban
12 communities.”.

13 (c) PERFORMANCE TARGET.—Section 150(d)(1) of
14 such title is amended by striking “and (6)” and inserting
15 “(6), and (7)”.

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