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2D SESSION

H. R. 5977

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to provide to the appropriate committees of Congress advance notice of certain announcements, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
4 (b) or as expressly provided in another provision of law,
5 the Secretary of Transportation shall provide to the appro-
6 priate committees of Congress notice of an announcement
7 concerning a covered project at least 3 full business days
8 before the announcement is made by the Department of
9 Transportation.

10 (b) EMERGENCY PROGRAM.—With respect to an allo-
11 cation of funds under section 125 of title 23, United
12 States Code, the Secretary shall provide to the Committee
13 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
14 Representatives and the Committee on Environment and
15 Public Works of the Senate notice of the allocation—

16 (1) at least 3 full business days before the
17 issuance of the allocation; or

18 (2) concurrently with the issuance of the alloca-
19 tion, if the allocation is made using the quick release
20 process of the Department (or any successor proc-
21 ess).

22 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

24 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
25 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
26 gress” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Transportation and
2 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;
3 and

4 (B) the Committee on Environment and
5 Public Works, the Committee on Commerce,
6 Science, and Transportation, and the Com-
7 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
8 of the Senate.

9 (2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered
10 project” means a project competitively selected by
11 the Department of Transportation to receive a dis-
12 cretionary grant award, letter of intent, loan com-
13 mitment, loan guarantee commitment, or line of
14 credit commitment in an amount equal to or greater
15 than \$750,000.

16 (3) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.—The
17 term “Department of Transportation” includes the
18 modal administrations of the Department of Trans-
19 portation.

Passed the House of Representatives September 21,
2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.