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H. R. 6102

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Smart Technology Traffic Signals Grant Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CÁRDENAS 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 “Less Traffic with
5 Smart Stop Lights Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. SMART TECHNOLOGY TRAFFIC SIGNALS GRANT**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
10 portation shall establish a Smart Technology Traffic Sig-

1 nals Grant Program (in this section referred to as the
2 “Program”) to improve the functioning of traffic signals
3 in a manner that—

4 (1) reduces traffic congestion;

5 (2) improves the safety and effectiveness of
6 roadways;

7 (3) reduces fuel costs for drivers; and

8 (4) reduces air pollution.

9 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the Pro-
10 gram, the Secretary may make grants, on a competitive
11 basis, to a State, local, or tribal government entity.

12 (c) GRANT USES.—An entity awarded a grant under
13 the Program shall use the grant to improve traffic signals
14 through the implementation of innovative technology, in-
15 cluding—

16 (1) adaptive signal control technology; and

17 (2) real-time data measurement technology.

18 (d) TIMING.—A grant awarded to an entity under the
19 Program shall be fully expended not later than the date
20 that is 3 years after the date on which initial grant
21 amounts are made available to the entity.

22 (e) FEDERAL SHARE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
24 graph (2), the Federal share of the costs of a project

1 assisted with a grant under the Program may not
2 exceed 80 percent.

3 (2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may waive
4 paragraph (1) if a State, local, or tribal government
5 entity demonstrates, as determined by the Secretary,
6 extreme financial hardship.

7 (3) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The non-Fed-
8 eral share of the costs of a project assisted with a
9 grant under the Program may be derived in whole
10 or in part from in-kind contributions.

11 (f) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under
12 the Program a State, local, or tribal government entity
13 shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time,
14 in such form, and containing such information as the Sec-
15 retary determines appropriate.

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