

- (2) is not duplicative of—
- (A) any other Federal research project; or
 - (B) any project for which funding is provided by another Federal agency.
- (d) PROJECT REVIEW.—The Secretary shall—
- (1) review each research proposal submitted under the pilot program established under subsection (b); and
 - (2)(A) if funding is denied for the research proposal—
 - (i) provide to the eligible entity that submitted the proposal a written notice of the denial that, as applicable—
 - (I) explains why the research proposal was not selected, including whether the research proposal fails to cover an area of need; and
 - (II) recommends that the research proposal be submitted to another research program; and
 - (ii) if the Secretary recommends that the research proposal be submitted to another research program under clause (i)(II), provide guidance and direction to—
 - (I) the eligible entity; and
 - (II) the proposed research program office; or
 - (B) if the research proposal is selected for funding—
 - (i) provide to the eligible entity that submitted the proposal a written notice of the selection; and
 - (ii) seek to enter into an arrangement with the eligible entity to provide funding for the proposed research.
- (e) COORDINATION.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure that the activities carried out under subsection (c) are coordinated with, and do not duplicate the efforts of, programs of the Department of Transportation and other Federal agencies.
 - (2) INTRAAGENCY COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate the research carried out under this section with—
 - (A) the research, education, and technology transfer activities carried out by grant recipients under section 5505; and
 - (B) the research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities of other relevant programs of the Department of Transportation, including all modal administrations of the Department.
 - (3) INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate, as appropriate, regarding fundamental research with the potential for application in the transportation sector with—
 - (A) the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy;
 - (B) the Director of the National Science Foundation;
 - (C) the Secretary of Energy;
 - (D) the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology;
 - (E) the Secretary of Homeland Security;
 - (F) the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
 - (G) the Secretary of Defense; and

(H) the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, as determined by the Secretary.

(f) REVIEW, EVALUATION, AND REPORT.—Not less frequently than biennially, in accordance with the plan developed under section 6503, the Secretary shall—

- (1) review and evaluate the pilot program established under subsection (b), including the research carried out under that pilot program; and

- (2) make public on a website of the Department of Transportation a report describing the review and evaluation under paragraph (1).

(g) FEDERAL SHARE.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the cost of an activity carried out under this section shall not exceed 80 percent.

- (2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—All costs directly incurred by the non-Federal partners (including personnel, travel, facility, and hardware development costs) shall be credited toward the non-Federal share of the cost of an activity carried out under this section.

(h) LIMITATION ON CERTAIN EXPENSES.—Of any amounts made available to carry out this section for a fiscal year, the Secretary may use not more than 1.5 percent for coordination, evaluation, and oversight activities under this section.

(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(Added Pub. L. 117-58, div. B, title V, §25013(a), Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 867.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5506, added Pub. L. 105-178, title V, §5111(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 444; amended Pub. L. 109-59, title V, §5402(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1815; Pub. L. 110-244, title I, §§111(g)(3), 116, June 6, 2008, 122 Stat. 1605, 1607, related to grants for university transportation research, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, §52010(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 887, effective Oct. 1, 2012.

§5507. Transportation workforce outreach program

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall establish and administer a transportation workforce outreach program, under which the Secretary shall carry out a series of public service announcement campaigns during each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of the campaigns carried out under the program under this section shall be—

- (1) to increase awareness of career opportunities in the transportation sector, including aviation pilots, safety inspectors, mechanics and technicians, air traffic controllers, flight attendants, truck and bus drivers, engineers, transit workers, railroad workers, and other transportation professionals; and

- (2) to target awareness of professional opportunities in the transportation sector to diverse segments of the population, including with respect to race, sex, ethnicity, ability (including

physical and mental ability), veteran status, and socioeconomic status.

(c) ADVERTISING.—The Secretary may use, or authorize the use of, amounts made available to carry out the program under this section for the development, production, and use of broadcast, digital, and print media advertising and outreach in carrying out a campaign under this section.

(d) FUNDING.—The Secretary may use to carry out this section any amounts otherwise made available to the Secretary, not to exceed \$5,000,000, for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(Added Pub. L. 117–58, div. B, title V, § 25020(c)(1), Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 877.)

SUBCHAPTER II—TERMINALS

§ 5561. Definition

In this chapter, “civic and cultural activities” includes libraries, musical and dramatic presentations, art exhibits, adult education programs, public meeting places, and other facilities for carrying on an activity any part of which is supported under a law of the United States.

(Pub. L. 103–272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 851.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised Section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Row 1: 5561, 49 App.:1653(i)(10), Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 931, §4(i)(10); added Oct. 28, 1974, Pub. L. 93-496, §§6, 15, 88 Stat. 1530, 1533; Feb. 5, 1976, Pub. L. 94-210, §707(3), 90 Stat. 125; May 30, 1980, Pub. L. 96-254, §206(a), 94 Stat. 412.

In this chapter, both sections 6 and 15 of the Amtrak Improvement Act (Public Law 93–496, 88 Stat. 1528, 1533) are listed as source credits for the addition of section 4(i) to the Department of Transportation Act (Public Law 89–670, 80 Stat. 931). This is done to conform to the probable intent of Congress as evidenced by the directory language of section 15 of the Act of October 28, 1974.

In this section, the words “for community groups, convention visitors and others” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 5562. Assistance projects

(a) REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Transportation shall provide financial, technical, and advisory assistance under this chapter to—

(1) promote, on a feasibility demonstration basis, the conversion of at least 3 rail passenger terminals into intermodal transportation terminals;

(2) preserve rail passenger terminals that reasonably are likely to be converted or maintained pending preparation of plans for their reuse;

(3) acquire and use space in suitable buildings of historic or architectural significance but only if use of the space is feasible and prudent when compared to available alternatives; and

(4) encourage State and local governments, local and regional transportation authorities,

common carriers, philanthropic organizations, and other responsible persons to develop plans to convert rail passenger terminals into intermodal transportation terminals and civic and cultural activity centers.

(b) EFFECT ON ELIGIBILITY.—This chapter does not affect the eligibility of any rail passenger terminal for preservation or reuse assistance under another program or law.

(c) ACQUIRING SPACE.—The Secretary may acquire space under subsection (a)(3) of this section only after consulting with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

(Pub. L. 103–272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 851.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised Section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Row 1: 5562(a), 49 App.:1653(i)(1), Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 931, §4(i)(1); added Oct. 28, 1974, Pub. L. 93-496, §§6, 15, 88 Stat. 1528, 1533; Feb. 5, 1976, Pub. L. 94-210, §707(1), (2), 90 Stat. 125; May 30, 1980, Pub. L. 96-254, §206(a), 94 Stat. 412. Row 2: 5562(b), 49 App.:1653(i)(11), Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 931, §4(i)(11); added Oct. 28, 1974, Pub. L. 93-496, §§6, 15, 88 Stat. 1530, 1533; Feb. 5, 1976, Pub. L. 94-210, §707(3), 90 Stat. 125; May 30, 1980, Pub. L. 96-254, §206(a), 94 Stat. 412. Row 3: 5562(c), 49 App.:1653(i)(4), Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 931, §4(i)(4); added Feb. 5, 1976, Pub. L. 94-210, §707(4), 90 Stat. 125; May 30, 1980, Pub. L. 96-254, §206(a), 94 Stat. 412.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “but only if” are substituted for “unless . . . would not” for consistency.

In subsection (a)(4), the word “encourage” is substituted for “stimulating” for clarity.

In subsection (b), the words “This chapter does not affect” are substituted for “Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to invalidate” for clarity and consistency. The words “rail passenger terminal” are substituted for “station”, and the word “law” is substituted for “statute”, for consistency.

§ 5563. Conversion of certain rail passenger terminals

(a) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Transportation may provide financial assistance to convert a rail passenger terminal to an intermodal transportation terminal under section 5562(a)(1) of this title only if—

(1) the terminal can be converted to accommodate other modes of transportation the Secretary of Transportation decides are appropriate, including—

- (A) motorbus transportation;
(B) mass transit (rail or rubber tire); and
(C) airline ticket offices and passenger terminals providing direct transportation to area airports;

(2) the terminal is listed on the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of the Interior;

(3) the architectural integrity of the terminal will be preserved;

(4) to the extent practicable, the use of the terminal facilities for transportation may be