

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3019

To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to consider certain factors in evaluating public transportation projects for purposes of making capital investment grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Mr. CARSON of Indiana (for himself and Mr. AL GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Modernizing Public
5 Transit Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS FOR PUBLIC TRANS-**
2 **PORTATION PROJECTS.**

3 (a) PROJECT JUSTIFICATION FOR NEW START
4 PROJECTS.—Section 5309(d)(3) of title 49, United States
5 Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (F) by inserting “urban
7 and” before “suburban sprawl”;

8 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (I), (J),
9 and (K) as subparagraphs (J), (K), and (M), respec-
10 tively;

11 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(I) population density, land use, proposed
14 land use, and local development goals along the
15 project corridor and along transit corridors con-
16 necting with the project, including bus, bus
17 rapid transit, and rail”;

18 (4) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
19 graph (K) (as redesignated by paragraph (2) of this
20 subsection); and

21 (5) by inserting after subparagraph (K) (as re-
22 designating by paragraph (2) of this subsection) the
23 following:

24 “(L) estimated reductions in transit times
25 for passengers of the existing transit system as
26 a result of the project; and”.

1 (b) PROJECT JUSTIFICATION FOR SMALL START
2 PROJECTS.—Section 5309(e)(4) of such title is amend-
3 ed—

4 (1) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “or pro-
5 posed local land use policies” before “and is likely”;

6 (2) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
7 graph (D);

8 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
9 paragraph (H); and

10 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(E) consider the population density, land
13 use, proposed land use, and local development
14 goals along transit corridors connecting with
15 the project, including bus, bus rapid transit,
16 and rail;

17 “(F) consider the impacts of urban and
18 suburban sprawl;

19 “(G) consider estimated reductions in tran-
20 sit times for passengers of the existing transit
21 system as a result of the project; and”.

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