

# HR 5689

To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 14, 2006
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 27, 2006

### **Subjects & Policy Tags**

#### **Policy Area:**

Transportation and Public Works

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 6233	Related bill	Nov 13, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

(Sec. 1) Amends the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users or SAFETEA-LU to make certain technical corrections to the surface transportation program, including earmarking of public lands highway funds for forest roads, defining "transportation systems management and operations," replacing "federal-aid system" with "federal-aid highways," and authorizing a state to expend unused funds for installation of protective devices at railway-highway crossings on highway safety improvement program projects.

Amends the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to revise the designation of Interstate Route 376 as a high priority corridor on the National Highway System (NHS) to exclude the U.S. Route 422 segment from such designation.

Amends federal highway law to authorize an Indian tribe to nominate a road as an All-American Road or one of America's Byways (current law, can nominate a road as a National Scenic Byway) only if a federal land management agency (other than the Bureau of Indian Affairs), a state, or a political subdivision of a state does not have jurisdiction over, or responsibility for managing, the road. Makes safety improvements to America's Byways eligible for federal-aid highway assistance.

Revises provisions that rescind certain unobligated balances of funds apportioned to states prior to September 30, 2009, to include unobligated balances of funds for equity bonus and railway-highway crossings.

(Sec. 2) Increases funding for deployment of magnetic levitation (MAGLEV) projects through FY2009.

(Sec. 3) Changes the item description of a national and regional significance project from improvements to I-80, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, to the redesign and reconstruction of interchanges 298 and 299 of I-80, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, and related improvements to other roads in the vicinity.

(Sec. 4) Makes changes to the item descriptions of specified high priority project authorizations, including certain project authorization increases and decreases. Authorizes an amount for a high priority project to repair and restore a railroad bridge in Westerly, Rhode Island.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to transfer to the Commandant of the Coast Guard amounts made available for the replacement of the Galveston Causeway Railroad Bridge in Galveston, Texas, in order to carry out such project. Sets forth requirements for the use of unused obligation authority, or authorized funding that was reduced, for high priority projects.

Authorizes a state to expend for each fiscal years FY2005-FY2009 not more than \$1 million of their apportionment of surface transportation funds for certain fuel tax activities, including participation in the Joint Operation Center for Fuel Compliance (JOC).

(Sec. 5) Revises the nonmotorized transportation pilot program to require the construction of a network of nonmotorized transportation infrastructure facilities in Minneapolis, Minnesota, (current law, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota) and in other specified communities.

(Sec. 6) Revises the description of the designation of a portion of U.S. Route 271 as part of the National Highway System to include the portion from Interstate Route 540, west to the intersection with U.S. Route 59, and northwest to the intersection with Interstate Route 40, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

(Sec. 7) Changes to December 31, 2007, the date the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission must submit a certain report to Congress. Mandates (current law, authorizes) the Secretary of Transportation, on the request of the Commission, to detail, on a nonreimbursable basis, Department of Transportation (DOT) personnel to the Commission.

Increases the authorization of appropriations from the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) (other than the Mass Transit Account) for FY2007 for Commission activities regarding the future needs of the surface transportation system.

(Sec. 8) Revises certain provisions expressing the sense of the Congress to state that the Federal Highway Administration's current application of the Buy American test to only the components or parts of a bridge project and not the entire bridge project is inconsistent with the sense of Congress.

(Sec. 9) Revises the item descriptions to specified transportation improvement projects, including allocating an amount from the HTF (other than the Mass Transit Account) through FY2009 for village road improvements for Saole county in the Eastern district of American Samoa.

(Sec. 10) Requires the deduction of a specified amount from state federal-aid highway apportionments for the future strategic highway research program.

Increases the funding for university transportation research through FY2009. Sets the federal share of transportation research project costs at 80% (current law, 50%).

Eliminates a requirement that the future strategic highway research program be based on certain program elements.

Earmarks an amount of surface transportation research, development, and deployment program funds for FY2007-FY2009 for: (1) a certain infrastructure investment needs report to Congress; and (2) the Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center.

Amends federal transportation law to revise provisions to require the Secretary of Transportation to expend not more than 1.5% of amounts for grants to establish and operate university transportation centers for management and oversight of such centers through FY2009.

(Sec. 11) Increases the rescission of unobligated balances of funds apportioned prior to September 30, 2009, for certain surface transportation programs.

(Sec. 12) Amends the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to authorize up to 15% of surface transportation program funds to be obligated on roads functionally classified as minor collectors in areas of less than 5,000 population through FY2009.

Revises the item description of a high priority project to: (1) replace the construct and/or reconstruct intermodal transportation and maintenance facility in Union City in order to replace the NJ Transit depot project with the construct and/or reconstruct intermodal Hoboken Terminal improvements project, in New Jersey; and (2) include improvements to streets and roads providing access to State Route 28, Aspinwall, Pennsylvania, with respect to the construction of noise barriers along such route.

(Sec. 13) Amends the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to revise the designation of: (1) the Liberty Corridor, New Jersey, as a high priority corridor on the NHS to include State Routes 1, 9, and 46; and (2) the corridor in an area of passage in the State of New Jersey serving significant interstate and regional traffic, located near

the cities of Camden, New Jersey, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a high priority corridor on the NHS to include State Route 42 and Interstate Route 76.

(Sec. 14) Amends federal highway law to revise the term "repeat intoxicated driver law" to mean a state law that provides, as a minimum penalty, that an individual convicted of a second or subsequent offense for driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence after a previous conviction for that offense shall, among other things, receive: (1) a driver's license suspension for not less than one year (current law); or (2) a combination of suspension of all driving privileges for the first 45 days of the suspension period followed by a reinstatement of limited driving privileges for the purpose of getting to and from work, school, or an alcohol treatment program if an ignition interlock device is installed on the motor vehicles owned or operated, or both, by the individual.

(Sec. 15) Amends federal transportation law to increase the grant for FY2009 to establish a regional university transportation center.

(Sec. 16) Replaces the item description for the high cost bridge project to construct the Aliquippa Ambridge Bridge of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, with the rehabilitation of the Aliquippa Ambridge Bridge in Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Sep 14, 2006: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Inhofe with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
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- Sep 14, 2006: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 612.
- Sep 13, 2006: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Jun 29, 2006: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- Jun 28, 2006: Mr. Young (AK) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Jun 28, 2006: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4779-4783)
- Jun 28, 2006: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5689.
- Jun 28, 2006: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4779-4783)
- Jun 28, 2006: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4779-4783)
- Jun 28, 2006: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Jun 27, 2006: Introduced in House
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- Jun 27, 2006: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.