

HR 2353

Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 15, 2015
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	May 15, 2015
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	May 15, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 15, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3819	Related bill	Oct 29, 2015: Became Public Law No: 114-73.
114 HR 3038	Related bill	Jul 21, 2015: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 157.
114 HRES 271	Related bill	May 19, 2015: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015

(Sec. 1) Directs the Secretary of Transportation to reduce the amount apportioned for a surface transportation program, project, or activity for FY2015 by amounts apportioned or allocated under the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014 for the period from October 1, 2014, through May 31, 2015.

TITLE I--SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM EXTENSION

Subtitle A--Federal-Aid Highways

(Sec. 1001) Amends the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014 to continue from October 1, 2014, through July 31, 2015, and authorizes appropriations through that period for, specified federal-aid highway programs under:

- the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21),
- the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Technical Corrections Act of 2008,
- SAFETEA-LU,
- the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21),
- the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995,
- the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), and
- other specified law.

Subjects funding for such programs generally to the same manner of distribution, administration, limitation, and availability for obligation, but at a specified pro rata of the total amount, as funds authorized for appropriation out of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) for such programs and activities for FY2014.

Amends the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to authorize appropriations out of the general fund of the Treasury for the Tribal High Priority Projects program for the same period.

Prescribes an obligation ceiling of \$33,528,284,932 for federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs for the same period.

(Sec. 1002) Authorizes appropriations from the HTF (other than the Mass Transit Account) for administrative expenses of the federal-aid highway program for the same period.

Subtitle B--Extension of Highway Safety Programs

(Sec. 1101) Amends MAP-21 to extend for the same period the authorization of appropriations for National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) safety programs, including:

- highway safety research and development,
- national priority safety programs,
- the National Driver Register,

- the High Visibility Enforcement Program, and
- NHTSA administrative expenses.

Amends SAFETEA-LU to extend for the same period high-visibility traffic safety law enforcement campaigns under the High Visibility Enforcement Program.

Sets aside a specified amount of the total apportionment to states for highway safety programs for a cooperative program to research and evaluate priority highway safety countermeasures for the same period.

(Sec. 1102) Extends for the same period the authorization of appropriations for Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) programs, including:

- motor carrier safety grants,
- FMCSA administrative expenses,
- commercial driver's license program improvement grants,
- border enforcement grants,
- performance and registration information system management grants,
- commercial vehicle information systems and networks deployment grants,
- safety data improvement grants,
- a set-aside for high priority activities that improve commercial motor vehicle safety and compliance with commercial motor vehicle safety regulations,
- a set-aside for new entrant motor carrier audit grants,
- FMCSA outreach and education, and
- the commercial motor vehicle operators grant program.

(Sec. 1103) Amends the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to continue, for the same period, the authorized distribution of funds for coastal wetlands, recreational boating safety, projects under the Clean Vessel Act of 19921, boating infrastructure projects, and the National Outreach and Communications Program.

Subtitle C--Public Transportation Programs

(Sec. 1201) Extends for the same period the apportionment of nonurbanized (rural) area formula grants for competitive grants and formula grants for public transportation on Indian reservations.

(Sec. 1202) Extends the apportionment of urbanized area formula grants for passenger ferry projects for the same period.

(Sec. 1203) Extends for the same period the authorization of appropriations from the HTF Mass Transit Account for:

- formula grants for public transportation, including allocations for specified projects;
- research, development demonstration, and deployment projects;
- the transit cooperative research program;
- technical assistance and standards development grants;
- human resources and training grants;
- capital investment grants; and
- administrative expenses.

(Sec. 1204) Allocates, for the same period, certain amounts to states and territories for formula bus and bus facilities

grants.

Subtitle D--Hazardous Materials

(Sec. 1301) Authorizes appropriations for the same period for hazardous materials (hazmat) transportation safety projects.

Authorizes the Secretary to make certain expenditures, including an amount for hazmat training grants, from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Fund for the same period.

TITLE II--REVENUE PROVISIONS

(Sec. 2001) Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend through July 31, 2015, the authority for expenditures from: (1) the HTF Highway and Mass Transit Accounts, (2) the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, and (3) the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund.

Actions Timeline

- **May 29, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **May 29, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-21.
- **May 26, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 26, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **May 23, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S3316)
- **May 23, 2015:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S3316)
- **May 21, 2015:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 89.
- **May 20, 2015:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **May 19, 2015:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 271. (consideration: CR H3330-3339)
- **May 19, 2015:** The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1806, H.R. 2250, and H.R. 2353.
- **May 19, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 2353.
- **May 19, 2015:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H3338)
- **May 19, 2015:** Ms. Esty moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Transportation. (consideration: CR H3338; text: CR H3338)
- **May 19, 2015:** Debate - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Esty motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment adding the following new Subtitle E-Passenger Rail Positive Train Control Funding pending a reservation of a point of order. Subsequently, the reservation was removed.
- **May 19, 2015:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H3339)
- **May 19, 2015:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Esty motion to recommit with instructions, the Chair put the question on adopting the motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced that the yeas had prevailed. Ms. Esty demanded the yeas and nays and pursuant to the order of the House of today, the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption until a time to be announced.
- **May 19, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3359-3361)
- **May 19, 2015:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 182 - 241 (Roll no. 248). (consideration: CR H3360)
- **May 19, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 387 - 35, 1 Present (Roll no. 249).(text: CR H3330-3332)
- **May 19, 2015:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 387 - 35, 1 Present (Roll no. 249). (text: CR H3330-3332)
- **May 19, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 18, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **May 15, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 15, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Natural Resources, Science, Space, and Technology, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.