

## HR 7214

Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. (Jun 16, 2020)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 15, 2020
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Jun 15, 2020
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Jun 15, 2020
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jun 15, 2020
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Oct 27, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 15, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 16, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2020

This bill addresses provisions related to surface transportation research, development, and deployment programs of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Among other provisions, the bill

- reauthorizes through FY2025 DOT highway research and development programs, including highway safety, technology and innovation deployment, training and education, and intelligent transportation systems;
- sets forth a program to provide awards to institutions of higher education or nonprofit research organizations to establish regional road weather research and development centers;
- reauthorizes through FY2025 the university transportation centers program, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the public transportation research and development program, the National Cooperative Rail Research Program, the hazardous materials research and development program, and the National Cooperative Freight Transportation Research Program;
- establishes Centers of Excellence to advance research and development that improves the resilience of regions of the United States to natural disasters, extreme weather, and the effects of climate change on modal and multimodal transportation and infrastructure;
- directs DOT to carry out and publish the results of a study for the purpose of informing land use and transportation planning for accessible health, food, education, and other essential services and activities; and
- requires DOT to establish a multimodal national cooperative freight transportation research program, a Heavy Freight Autonomous Trucking Research Initiative, and an Advanced Transportation Research and Innovation Program.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 16, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jun 15, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 15, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.