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Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]

Party: Democratic • State: DE • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 27, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 27, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 27, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3684	Related bill	Aug 4, 2022: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.
117 S 1931	Related bill	Oct 6, 2021: By Senator Carper from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 117-41.
117 HR 4152	Related bill	Jun 25, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
117 HR 3935	Related bill	Jun 17, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 HR 3651	Related bill	Jun 2, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 HR 3566	Related bill	Jun 1, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 HR 3581	Related bill	Jun 1, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 S 1808	Related bill	May 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 1817	Related bill	May 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 HR 3340	Related bill	May 20, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 S 1766	Related bill	May 20, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 1710	Related bill	May 19, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 1715	Related bill	May 19, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 1672	Related bill	May 18, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 S 1629	Related bill	May 13, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 HR 1812	Related bill	May 12, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
117 S 636	Related bill	May 10, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 56.
117 HR 2991	Related bill	May 5, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 S 1236	Related bill	Apr 20, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 HR 2574	Related bill	Apr 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 S 1091	Related bill	Apr 13, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text: CR S1897)
117 HR 2340	Related bill	Apr 2, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 S 941	Related bill	Mar 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 HR 2012	Related bill	Mar 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 HR 1982	Related bill	Mar 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 HR 1898	Related bill	Mar 17, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 S 684	Related bill	Mar 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 641	Related bill	Mar 9, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 HR 382	Related bill	Feb 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 HR 386	Related bill	Feb 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 510	Related bill	Feb 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 HR 611	Related bill	Jan 29, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Summary (as of May 27, 2021)

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021

This bill reauthorizes through FY2026, revises, and establishes multiple transportation programs and activities, including those supported by the Highway Trust Fund.

This includes

- incorporating data-driven practices and other changes to transportation planning activities;
- modifying requirements concerning contracting methods, compliance with federal environmental laws, and additional aspects of delivering and improving processes related to transportation projects;
- mitigating climate change through, among other efforts, programs to reduce emissions and supporting alternative fueling infrastructure; and
- addressing transportation safety, new transportation technologies and systems, storm water management, cybersecurity, active transportation, and other miscellaneous matters.

In addition, the bill modifies eligibility criteria and other elements of a program that provides loans and other types of credit for surface transportation projects of regional and national significance.

Further, the bill makes changes to research and related activities carried out by the Department of Transportation (DOT). For example, DOT must carry out and support research on (1) user-based alternative revenue mechanisms to support the Highway Trust Fund, (2) automated vehicles and other new technologies, and (3) development of data sets to measure performance and other aspects of transportation programs.

The bill also authorizes through FY2026 funding for the Department of the Interior for road maintenance and otherwise addresses transportation programs for Indian tribes.

Actions Timeline

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