

## HR 2833

Reconnecting Communities Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		May 11, 2021
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Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		May 19, 2021
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Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jun 30, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1202	Identical bill	<b>Dec 15, 2021:</b> Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.
117 HR 2859	Related bill	<b>Apr 27, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 HR 2589	Related bill	<b>Apr 15, 2021:</b> Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and House Administration, 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.

## Summary (as of Apr 26, 2021)

### Reconnecting Communities Act

This bill establishes a grant program to remove, retrofit, or otherwise address infrastructural barriers (e.g., highways, railways, or viaducts) that impede mobility and connectivity, with a particular focus on communities of color and low-income communities.

Under this program, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must award three types of grants:

- community engagement, education, and capacity-building grants to educate and involve community members in transportation and economic development planning;
- planning and feasibility study grants to develop designs, conduct environmental reviews, and carry out other preliminary activities required to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an infrastructural barrier; and
- capital construction grants to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an infrastructure barrier.

DOT must award the community engagement, education, and capacity-building grants and the planning and feasibility study grants to state, tribal, and local governments; metropolitan planning organizations; and nonprofits. An eligible entity may apply for and receive funding from more than one type of grant.

DOT must award the capital construction grants to the owner of an infrastructure barrier. The owner may, if applicable, partner with other eligible entities.

### Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Apr 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 26, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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