

## HR 2859

### Restoring Neighborhoods and Strengthening Communities Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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### Sponsor

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Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jun 15, 2021
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Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jun 24, 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	Related bill	<b>Dec 15, 2021:</b> Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.
117 HR 2833	Related bill	<b>Apr 27, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

### Summary (as of Apr 26, 2021)

#### Restoring Neighborhoods and Strengthening Communities Act

This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish a grant program to identify infrastructural barriers posed by transportation facilities within certain communities (e.g., communities of color, low-income communities, or tribal or indigenous populations) and study the feasibility of improving, and developing plans to improve, connectivity within these communities by redesigning or removing such barriers.

DOT may award grants to states, tribal and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and other entities for (1) community engagement, education, and capacity building, including to educate community members about opportunities to affect transportation and economic development planning and investment decisions; and (2) planning and feasibility studies, including development of designs and artistic renderings to facilitate community engagement.

It may also award capital construction grants to the owner of an infrastructural barrier to carry out projects for which all necessary feasibility studies and other planning activities have been completed, including the replacement of an infrastructural barrier with a new use or facility that has been identified by members of the community.

#### Actions Timeline

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