

HR 7039

Stronger Communities through Better Transit Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Feb 15, 2024
Rep. McGarvey, Morgan [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Feb 15, 2024
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Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Apr 9, 2024
Rep. Ryan, Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Apr 9, 2024
Rep. Landsman, Greg [D-OH-1]	D · OH		Apr 12, 2024
Rep. Pascrell, Bill [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Apr 12, 2024
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		May 7, 2024
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Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-14]	D · CA		May 14, 2024
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		May 14, 2024
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		May 15, 2024
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		May 21, 2024
Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23]	D · FL		May 21, 2024
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Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jun 13, 2024
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Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jul 9, 2024
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jul 9, 2024

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Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jul 24, 2024
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Aug 13, 2024
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Aug 13, 2024
Rep. Kennedy, Timothy M. [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Sep 17, 2024
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Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Oct 22, 2024
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Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Oct 25, 2024
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Oct 25, 2024
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Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Dec 12, 2024
Rep. McIver, LaMonica [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Dec 12, 2024
Rep. Nickel, Wiley [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Dec 12, 2024
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Dec 12, 2024
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Dec 16, 2024
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Dec 17, 2024
Rep. Lee Carter, Erica [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Dec 20, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 18, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Stronger Communities through Better Transit Act

This bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish a grant program to support operating projects for public transportation and related service improvements, particularly in underserved communities and areas of persistent poverty.

Specifically, the bill requires DOT to allocate funding under the program for urbanized areas, states, and Indian tribes that are recipients of funds under either the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Urbanized Area Formula Funding program or Formula Grants for Rural Areas program. Eligible recipients may use funding for operating costs associated with projects that improve public transportation service for transit-dependent populations and support increased transit ridership (e.g., service expansion, information technology enhancements, and workforce development). The bill requires DOT to apportion the funding so that recipients receive funds that are proportional to their share of operating costs.

The bill also provides for an increased federal cost share for operating assistance for projects or programs carried out in areas of persistent poverty or underserved communities.

DOT must set up a multimodal access measurement interface for public agencies to aid transit agencies in determining and reporting on access to jobs and essential services.

A grant recipient must also (1) report specific information to the FTA for inclusion in the National Transit Database, and (2) survey transit riders and non-riding residents regarding transit service improvements.

Further, the bill expands the purposes of the public transportation programs to include supporting public transportation's role in combating climate change through growing/retaining transit ridership.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 18, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 18, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.