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To provide grants to construct transportation and supporting infrastructure improvements at existing and new international border crossings.

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Mr. PETERS of California (for himself, Mr. VARGAS, and Mrs. DAVIS of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To provide grants to construct transportation and supporting infrastructure improvements at existing and new international border crossings.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe and Secure Bor-
5 der Infrastructure Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SAFE AND SECURE BORDER IN-**
7 **FRASTRUCTURE GRANTS.**

8 The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with
9 the Secretary of Homeland Security and the governors of

1 the border States, shall establish a grant program, which
2 shall be administered by the Secretary of Transportation
3 and the Administrator of General Services, to construct
4 transportation and supporting infrastructure improve-
5 ments at existing and new international border crossings
6 to facilitate the safe, secure, and efficient cross-border
7 movement of motor vehicles, non-motor vehicles, cargo,
8 and individuals, including pedestrians.

9 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY.**

10 The projects eligible to receive a grant under this Act
11 shall include—

12 (1) highway or bridge projects eligible under
13 title 23, United States Code;

14 (2) public transportation projects eligible under
15 chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;

16 (3) demonstration and pilot projects related to
17 innovative cross border systems management; and

18 (4) passenger and freight rail transportation
19 projects.

20 **SEC. 4. APPLICATIONS.**

21 To be eligible to receive a grant under this Act, a
22 State or metropolitan planning organization located in a
23 border region shall submit to the Secretary of Transpor-
24 tation an application that demonstrates—

1 (1) an established master plan for border infra-
2 structure investments that demonstrates awareness
3 of the relevant border stakeholder interests at the
4 Federal, State, and regional level;

5 (2) that receipt of the grant applied for under
6 this Act would complete an overall financing pack-
7 age;

8 (3) the ability to provide a non-Federal match
9 of 50 percent of the total cost of the project;

10 (4) the satisfaction of all Federal and State en-
11 vironmental requirements prior to the submission of
12 the application for the grant; and

13 (5) a plan to obligate any funds received under
14 this Act by the end of the fiscal year following the
15 year in which those funds are awarded.

16 **SEC. 5. PRIMARY SELECTION CRITERIA.**

17 In awarding a grant under this Act, the Secretary
18 of Transportation, in consultation with the Administrator
19 of General Services, shall give priority to projects that ac-
20 complish one or more of the following objectives:

21 (1) Improve the safety and security at facilities
22 in the United States, including ports of entry.

23 (2) Facilitate safe, secure, and legal trade
24 crossings of motor vehicles, non-motor vehicles,
25 cargo, and individuals, including pedestrians, to al-

1 leviate border congestion and reduce the economic
2 effect of border wait times and delays.

3 (3) Implement innovative technologies that en-
4 hance safety, security, or efficiency at the border.

5 (4) Coordinate a system of projects that im-
6 prove security and systems efficiencies at ports of
7 entry.

8 (5) Facilitate economic development strategies
9 with respect to safety and security.

10 (6) Implement congestion relief and air quality
11 management strategies to improve the environment.

12 **SEC. 6. APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS.**

13 Of the amounts appropriated to carry out this Act,
14 the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the
15 Administrator of General Services, shall apportion such
16 amounts as follows:

17 (1) 20 percent in the ratio that——

18 (A) the total number of incoming commer-
19 cial trucks that pass through land border ports
20 of entry within the boundaries of an eligible
21 State; bears to

22 (B) the total number of incoming commer-
23 cial trucks that pass through land border ports
24 of entry within the boundaries of all eligible
25 border States.

1 (2) 30 percent in the ratio that—

2 (A) the total number of incoming personal
3 motor vehicles and incoming buses that pass
4 through land border ports of entry within the
5 boundaries of an eligible State; bears to

6 (B) the total number of incoming personal
7 motor vehicles and incoming buses that pass
8 through land border ports of entry within the
9 boundaries of all eligible border States.

10 (3) 25 percent in the ratio that—

11 (A) the total weight of incoming cargo by
12 commercial trucks that pass through land bor-
13 der ports of entry within the boundaries of an
14 eligible State; bears to

15 (B) the total weight of incoming cargo by
16 commercial trucks that pass through land bor-
17 der ports of entry within the boundaries of all
18 eligible border States.

19 (4) 25 percent of the ratio that—

20 (A) the total number of land border ports
21 of entry within the boundaries of an eligible
22 State; bears to

23 (B) the total number of land border ports
24 of entry within the boundaries of all eligible
25 border States.

1 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act—

3 (1) the term “border region” means any portion
4 of a border State within 10 miles of an international
5 land border with Canada or Mexico;

6 (2) the term “border State” means any State
7 that has an international land border with Canada
8 or Mexico;

9 (3) the term “commercial truck” means a com-
10 mercial vehicle as defined in section 31301(4) (other
11 than subparagraph (B)) of title 49, United States
12 Code;

13 (4) the term “motor vehicle” has the meaning
14 such term has under Section 154(a)(2) of title 23,
15 United States Code; and

16 (5) the term “State” has the meaning such
17 term has in section 101(a)(25) of title 23.

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