At the end of title II of the bill, insert the following:

SEC. LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDS.

(a) LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY.— Except as provided in subsection (b), if the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas, attempts to construct or constructs a new fixed guideway capital project, including light rail, on Richmond Avenue west of Montrose Boulevard or on Post Oak Boulevard north of Richmond Avenue in Houston, Texas, the Secretary of Transportation shall exclude the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas, from eligibility for any programs and funding under chapter 53 of title 23.

(b) EXCEPTION FOR NEW ELECTION.—The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas, may attempt to construct or construct a new fixed guideway capital project, including light rail, in the locations referred to in subsection (a) if—

(1) voters in the jurisdiction that includes such locations approve a ballot proposition that specifies
routes on Richmond Avenue west of Montrose Boulevard or on Post Oak Boulevard north of Richmond Avenue in Houston, Texas; and

(2) the proposed construction of such routes is part of a comprehensive public transportation improvement plan that includes multiple additional segments of fixed guideway capital projects, including light rail for the jurisdiction set forth in the ballot proposition.

(c) DEFINITION.—The term “new fixed guideway capital project” has the same meaning given such term in section 5309(a)(1).