AMENDMENT TO COMMITTEE REPORT

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Page 705, after line 3, insert the following:

1 SECTION 1640. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.

2     Section 134(j) of title 23, United States Code, is amended—

3     (1) in paragraph (1)(D)(ii) by inserting “, except that inclusion of a project or program described in paragraph (8) shall not require approval of the Governor unless the Governor certifies or demonstrates that such project or program would be an ineligible activity under section 133” after “the Governor”;

4     (2) in paragraph (5)(A)—

5     (A) in clause (i)(I) by inserting “metropolitan planning organization in cooperation with” before “the State”;

6     (B) in clause (ii)(II) by inserting “metropolitan planning organization in cooperation with” before “the designated recipients”; and

7     (C) by striking clause (iii); and
(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN SUBALLOCATED FUNDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, with respect to any project or program to be carried out using funds described in clauses (i) through (iii) of section 133(d)(1)(A), the metropolitan planning organization that represents an area described in such clauses shall have the complete authority to select and prioritize the projects or programs to carry out using such funds. Selected and prioritized projects in the TIP shall be incorporated into the Statewide transportation improvement program without change.

“(B) CONSULTATION.—In determining projects or programs under subparagraph (A), a metropolitan planning organization shall consult with the State, or in the case of projects under chapter 53 of title 49, the designated recipients of public transportation funding.

“(C) COORDINATION BETWEEN MPOS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If more than 1 metropolitan planning organization is designated within an urbanized area under
section 134 (d)(7), the metropolitan planning organizations designated within the area shall ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, the consistency of any data used in the planning process, to determine programs and projects carried out with such funds.

“(ii) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this paragraph requires metropolitan planning organizations designated within a single urbanized area to jointly develop planning documents, including a unified long-range transportation plan or unified TIP.

“(D) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to any area described in such subparagraph that is not represented by a metropolitan planning organization.”.