AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–54

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Page 687, strike line 8 through page 688, line 11 and insert the following:

(9) in subsection (i)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(C)—

(i) by striking “projects” and inserting the following:

“(i) projects”;

(ii) by striking the semicolon and inserting “; or”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) a project that will likely increase ridership on a project being rated under subsection (d), (e), or (h), respectively, as determined by the Secretary, and—

“(I) extends the corridor of a project being rated under subsection (d), (e), or (h), respectively; or

“(II) provides a direct passenger transfer to a project being rated in
subsection (d), (e), or (h), respectively;”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(D) by inserting “(excluding any non-Government funded project included therein)” after “as a whole”;

(C) in paragraph (3)(B)—

(i) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (iv); and

(ii) by inserting after clause (ii) the following:

“(iii) INCREASE IN MOBILITY RATING.—The Secretary shall grant a rating increase of 1 level in mobility improvements to any project in a program of interrelated projects that meets the applicable requirements of this section.”;

(D) by striking paragraph (5);

(E) by redesignating paragraphs (6), (7), and (8) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively;

(F) by amending paragraph (7), as so redesignated, to read as follows:

“(7) NON-GOVERNMENT PROJECTS.—A project included in a program of interrelated projects that is not funded by the Government shall not be subject
to any federal statute or regulation that is imposed
as a result of Government funding under chapter
53.”; and

(G) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) PILOT PROGRAM.—

“(A) E STABLISHMENT.—The Secretary
shall, within 60 days after the date of enact-
ment of the INVEST in America Act, establish
a Pilot Program to implement the provisions of
this subsection. The Pilot Program shall include
procedures for the submittal of expressions of
interest from applicants, and for the selection
by the Secretary, based on the criteria in this
subsection, of at least 3 applicants to carry out
programs of interrelated projects in accordance
with this subsection.

“(B) I NCLUSION IN PROGRAM.—Upon ap-
plication by the Metropolitan Transit Authority
of Harris County, Texas (‘Metro’), the Sec-
retary shall include the voter-approved METRO
NEXT program of projects, as defined by
Metro Board Resolution No. 2019-17, in the
Pilot Program established under subparagraph
(A).”;

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