AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Page 701, after line 24, insert the following (and redesignate the succeeding subsections accordingly):

“(f) STRENGTHENING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL DECISIONMAKING.—

“(1) OBJECTIVES.—In carrying out the program under this section, the Secretary shall improve transportation planning and environmental decision-making processes and minimize the impact of surface transportation on the environment and quality of life through research and development activities to—

“(A) reduce the impact of highway infrastructure and operations on the natural and human environment;

“(B) advance improvements in environmental analyses and processes and context sensitive solutions for transportation decision-making;

“(C) improve construction techniques;
“(D) accelerate construction to reduce congestion and related emissions;

“(E) reduce the impact of highway runoff on the environment;

“(F) maintain sustainability of biological communities and ecosystems adjacent to highway corridors;

“(G) improve understanding and modeling of the factors that contribute to the demand for transportation;

“(H) improve transportation planning decisionmaking and coordination; and

“(I) reduce the environmental impacts of freight movement.

“(2) ACTIVITIES.—Research and technology activities carried out under this subsection may include—

“(A) creation of models and tools for evaluating transportation measures and transportation system designs;

“(B) congestion reduction efforts;

“(C) transportation planning in rural areas and small communities;
“(D) improvement of State, local, and tribal capabilities relating to surface transportation planning and the environment;

“(E) environmental stewardship and sustainability activities;

“(F) streamlining of project delivery processes;

“(G) development of effective strategies and techniques to analyze and minimize impacts to the natural and human environment and provide environmentally beneficial mitigation;

“(H) comprehensive multinational planning;

“(I) multistate transportation corridor planning;

“(J) improvement of transportation choices, including walking, bicycling, and linkages to public transportation;

“(K) ecosystem sustainability;

“(L) wildlife and plant population connectivity and interaction across and along highway corridors;

“(M) analysis, measurement, and reduction of air pollution from transportation sources;
“(N) advancement in the understanding of health impact analyses in transportation planning and project development;

“(O) transportation planning professional development;

“(P) research on improving the cooperation and integration of transportation planning with other regional plans, including land use, energy, water infrastructure, and housing plans; and

“(Q) reducing the environmental impacts of freight movement.