AMENDMENT
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Page 878, after line 21, insert the following:

SEC. 5204. FURTHER ADVANCING TRANSFORMATIVE AND INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION.

Section 503 of title 23, United States Code, is further amended by inserting at the end the following:

“(e) FURTHER ADVANCING TRANSFORMATIVE AND INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION.—

“(1) PURPOSES.—To further advance transformative and innovative transportation technologies, this subsection authorizes appropriations from the general fund of the Treasury for research, development, and operational testing to advance technologies eligible under section 503(c)(4)(E) of this chapter.

“(2) AUTHORIZATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the general fund of the Treasury for the purposes of this subsection such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2025. These sums are in addition to any
other sums that may be appropriated or made available for such purposes.

“(3) CRITERIA.—In reviewing applications, the Secretary shall consider whether award of a grant would advance transformative and innovative transportation technologies and be beneficial with respect to safety, transportation travel time, reduced emissions, potential to alleviate congestion, United States technological leadership, whether there is in place or is likely to be put in place a safety regulatory framework for the transportation technology in question, and such other criteria as determined by the Secretary.

“(4) ADMINISTRATIVE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, Federal laws, regulations and requirements of the operating administration of the Department of Transportation that will administer a project will apply to the project. For a project other than a highway project, the Secretary shall determine the operating administration in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration.

“(B) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project to be carried out
with funds under this subsection shall be 80 percent.

“(C) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—Eligible applicants are any entity eligible under section 503(c)(4)(N).

“(D) PROMPT PROCESS.—The Secretary shall publish a notice of funding opportunity for grants under this subsection for a fiscal year within 60 days after enactment of appropriations for this provision for the applicable fiscal year, may request such information of applicants as the Secretary may determine, shall require applications to be submitted not later than 90 days after such publication, and shall award grants within 120 days of the application submission deadline.

“(E) GRANT AMOUNTS.—

“(i) GRANT AWARDS.—For each fiscal year, the Secretary shall award grants to not less than 4 and not more than 10 eligible entities per $100 million appropriated for this subsection.

“(ii) TECHNOLOGY DIVERSITY.—In awarding a grant under this subsection, the Secretary shall ensure, to the extent
practicable, that grant recipients represent
diverse technology solutions.

“(F) Rural set-aside.—

“(i) In general.—Not less than 25
percent of the amounts awarded to carry
out this section for a fiscal year shall be
reserved for projects located in or serving
a rural area or a state with a population
density per square mile of land area that
is less than the national average population
density per square mile of land area.

“(ii) Rural area.—The term ‘rural
area’ means an area that is outside an ur-
banized area with a population of over
200,000.

“(G) Funding availability.—Funds au-
thorized under subsection (a) shall remain
available until expended.”.