

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

1 **SEC. 5204. FURTHER ADVANCING TRANSFORMATIVE AND**
2 **INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION.**

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

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

7 “(1) PURPOSES.—To further advance trans-
8 formative and innovative transportation technologies,
9 this subsection authorizes appropriations from the
10 general fund of the Treasury for research, develop-
11 ment, and operational testing to advance tech-
12 nologies eligible under section 503(c)(4)(E) of this
13 chapter.

14 “(2) AUTHORIZATIONS.—There are authorized
15 to be appropriated from the general fund of the
16 Treasury for the purposes of this subsection such
17 sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2022
18 through 2025. These sums are in addition to any

1 other sums that may be appropriated or made avail-
2 able for such purposes.

3 “(3) CRITERIA.—In reviewing applications, the
4 Secretary shall consider whether award of a grant
5 would advance transformative and innovative trans-
6 portation technologies and be beneficial with respect
7 to safety, transportation travel time, reduced emis-
8 sions, potential to alleviate congestion, United States
9 technological leadership, whether there is in place or
10 is likely to be put in place a safety regulatory frame-
11 work for the transportation technology in question,
12 and such other criteria as determined by the Sec-
13 retary.

14 “(4) ADMINISTRATIVE.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise
16 provided in this subsection, Federal laws, regu-
17 lations and requirements of the operating ad-
18 ministration of the Department of Transpor-
19 tation that will administer a project will apply
20 to the project. For a project other than a high-
21 way project, the Secretary shall determine the
22 operating administration in consultation with
23 the Federal Highway Administration.

24 “(B) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal
25 share of the cost of a project to be carried out

1 with funds under this subsection shall be 80
2 percent.

3 “(C) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—Eligible ap-
4 plicants are any entity eligible under section
5 503(c)(4)(N).

6 “(D) PROMPT PROCESS.—The Secretary
7 shall publish a notice of funding opportunity for
8 grants under this subsection for a fiscal year
9 within 60 days after enactment of appropria-
10 tions for this provision for the applicable fiscal
11 year, may request such information of appli-
12 cants as the Secretary may determine, shall re-
13 quire applications to be submitted not later
14 than 90 days after such publication, and shall
15 award grants within 120 days of the application
16 submission deadline.

17 “(E) GRANT AMOUNTS.—

18 “(i) GRANT AWARDS.—For each fiscal
19 year, the Secretary shall award grants to
20 not less than 4 and not more than 10 eligi-
21 ble entities per \$100 million appropriated
22 for this subsection.

23 “(ii) TECHNOLOGY DIVERSITY.—In
24 awarding a grant under this subsection,
25 the Secretary shall ensure, to the extent

1 practicable, that grant recipients represent
2 diverse technology solutions.

3 “(F) RURAL SET-ASIDE.—

4 “ (i) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 25
5 percent of the amounts awarded to carry
6 out this section for a fiscal year shall be
7 reserved for projects located in or serving
8 a rural area or a state with a population
9 density per square mile of land area that
10 is less than the national average population
11 density per square mile of land area.

12 “(ii) RURAL AREA.—The term ‘rural
13 area’ means an area that is outside an ur-
14 banized area with a population of over
15 200,000.

16 “(G) FUNDING AVAILABILITY.—Funds au-
17 thorized under subsection (a) shall remain
18 available until expended.”.

