

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 114-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. CULBERSON OF TEXAS**

Page 281, line 22, after “hours” insert the following: “and for fee-paying single occupancy vehicles during non-peak hours”.

At the end of title III, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 3\_\_\_ . FIXED GUIDEWAY CAPITAL INVESTMENT**  
2 **GRANTS.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law,  
4 if any funds under section 5309 of title 49, United States  
5 Code, are scheduled to be provided to Houston Metro  
6 (Texas) under the full funding grant agreements for the  
7 North Corridor LRT project and the Southeast Corridor  
8 LRT project remain unexpended after Houston Metro has  
9 completed all scope and activities for such projects, the  
10 Secretary shall make such funds available to Houston  
11 Metro for use on the proposed 90A rail corridor, including  
12 costs associated with compliance with National Environ-  
13 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4231 et seq.) re-  
14 quirements, alternative analysis and preliminary engineer-  
15 ing.

1 **SEC. 3\_\_\_. COST SHARE.**

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal  
3 law—

4 (1) for purposes of calculating the local share  
5 of the total project cost under section 5309 of title  
6 49, United States Code, and for purposes of evalu-  
7 ating the degree of local financial commitment under  
8 such section, for Houston Metro's commuter rail  
9 fixed guideway project along route 90A, the Sec-  
10 retary shall include all local funds expended by  
11 Houston Metro on the East End Rail Line project  
12 and allow such local funds to be used to meet the  
13 local share requirement under section 5309 for this  
14 project, except that this provision shall apply first to  
15 the 90A project and any remaining balance to other  
16 eligible rail capital projects; and

17 (2) the new starts share required for such  
18 Houston Metro projects shall be the share specified  
19 in section 5309(1)(1).

20 **SEC. 3\_\_\_. NEW BUS CAPITAL PROGRAM.**

21 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary may make  
22 grants under this section to designated recipients to assist  
23 in the financing of bus and bus facilities capital projects,  
24 including—

25 (1) replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing, or  
26 leasing buses or related equipment; and

1           (2) rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing, or  
2           leasing bus-related facilities.

3           (b) GRANT CONSIDERATIONS.—In making grants  
4 under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider the age  
5 and condition of buses, bus fleets, related equipment, and  
6 bus-related facilities.

7           (c) STATEWIDE APPLICATIONS.—A State may submit  
8 a statewide application on behalf of a public agency or  
9 private nonprofit organization engaged in public transpor-  
10 tation in rural areas or other areas for which the State  
11 allocates funds. The submission of a statewide application  
12 shall not preclude the submission and consideration of any  
13 application under this subsection from other eligible enti-  
14 ties in an urbanized area in a State.

15           (d) REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECRETARY.—The Sec-  
16 retary shall—

17           (1) disclose all metrics and evaluation proce-  
18 dures to be used in considering grant applications  
19 under this subsection upon issuance of the notice of  
20 funding availability in the Federal Register; and

21           (2) publish a summary of final scores for se-  
22 lected projects, metrics, and other evaluations used  
23 in awarding grants under this section in the Federal  
24 Register.

1 (e) RURAL PROJECTS.—Not less than 10 percent of  
2 the amounts made available under this section in a fiscal  
3 year shall be distributed to projects in rural areas.

4 (f) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—A grant under this section  
6 shall be subject to the requirements of—

7 (A) section 5307 for recipients of grants  
8 made in urban areas; and

9 (B) section 5311 for recipients of grants  
10 made in rural areas.

11 (2) GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS.—The Gov-  
12 ernment share of the cost of an eligible project car-  
13 ried out under this section shall not exceed 80 per-  
14 cent.

15 (g) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any amounts made  
16 available to carry out this subsection—

17 (1) shall remain available for 5 fiscal years  
18 after the fiscal year for which the amount is made  
19 available; and

20 (2) that remain unobligated at the end of the  
21 period described in subparagraph (A) shall be added  
22 to the amount made available to an eligible project  
23 in the following fiscal year.

1       (h) LIMITATION.—Of the amounts made available  
2 under this subsection, not more than 20 percent may be  
3 awarded to a single grantee.

