At the end of title I of division A, insert the following:

SEC. ___. DESIGNATED PROJECTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) EARMARKED AMOUNT.—The term “earmarked amount” means—

(A) congressionally directed spending, as defined in rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, identified in a prior law, report, or joint explanatory statement, that was authorized to be appropriated or appropriated more than 10 fiscal years prior to the fiscal year in which this Act becomes effective, and administered by the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration; and

(B) a congressional earmark, as defined in rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives identified in a prior law, report, or
joint explanatory statement, that was authorized to be appropriated or appropriated more than 10 fiscal years prior to the fiscal year in which this Act becomes effective, and administered by the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

(2) State.—The term "State" has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of title 23, United States Code.

(3) Territory.—The term "territory" has the meaning given the term in section 165(c) of title 23, United States Code.

(b) Authority.—A State or territory may use any earmarked amount and any associated obligation limitation for any project eligible under sections 133(b) or 165 of title 23, United States Code, respectively.

(c) Terms.—

(1) Notification.—The State transportation agency for the State or territory for which the earmarked amount was originally designated or directed shall—

(A) notify the Secretary of the intent of the State transportation agency to use authority under this section; and
(B) submit to the Secretary a report not later than September 30, 2016, identifying the earmarked amount, and associated obligation limitation, to be used and the projects to which the funding would be applied.

(2) Period of availability.—Notwithstanding the original period of availability of the earmarked amount and associated obligation limitation, the funds and associated obligation limitation shall remain available for obligation for a period of 3 fiscal years after the fiscal year in which the Secretary is notified under paragraph (1).

(3) Federal share.—The Federal share of the cost of a project carried out with funds made available under this section shall be the same as originally associated with the earmark.

(d) Limitations.—

(1) In general.—The authority under subsection (b) may be exercised only—

(A) after September 30, 2016; and

(B)(i) for those projects or activities that have obligated less than 10 percent of the amount made available for obligation as of the date of enactment of this Act; or
(ii) for those projects with unexpended balances of funds for which the earmarked amount that was originally designated or directed has been closed and for which payments have been made under a final voucher.

(2) Geographic area.—

(A) In general.—The earmarked amount and associated obligation limitation shall only be applied to projects within the same general geographic area within 50 miles; within the same city; and within the boundaries of the State or territory for which the earmarked amount was originally designated or directed, in consultation with the relevant metropolitan planning organization, if applicable.

(B) Exception.—A State or territory may apply the earmarked amount and associated obligation limitation, to a project in any area of the State or territory if the State or territory certifies that the project for which the earmarked amount was originally designated or directed has been completed and payments have been made under a final voucher.

(c) Report to Congress.—Not later than December 16, 2016, the Secretary shall submit a consolidated
report of the information provided by States and territories under this section to—

(1) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(3) the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate; and

(4) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.