

AMENDMENT TO DIVISION H OF THE RULES
COMMITTEE PRINT 115-31
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Page 1190, after line 16, insert the following:

1 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

2 For capital investments in surface transportation in-

3 frastructure, \$550,000,000, to remain available through

4 September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That the Secretary of

5 Transportation shall distribute funds provided under this

6 heading as discretionary grants to be awarded to a State,

7 local government, transit agency, or a collaboration among

8 such entities on a competitive basis for projects that will

9 have a significant local or regional impact: *Provided fur-*

10 *ther*, That projects eligible for funding provided under this

11 heading shall include, but not be limited to, highway or

12 bridge projects eligible under title 23, United States Code;

13 public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of

14 title 49, United States Code; passenger and freight rail

15 transportation projects; and port infrastructure invest-

16 ments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports

17 of entry): *Provided further*, That the Secretary may use

18 up to 20 percent of the funds made available under this

1 heading for the purpose of paying the subsidy and admin-
2 istrative costs of projects eligible for Federal credit assist-
3 ance under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code, if
4 the Secretary finds that such use of the funds would ad-
5 vance the purposes of this paragraph: *Provided further,*
6 That in distributing funds provided under this heading,
7 the Secretary shall take such measures so as to ensure
8 an equitable geographic distribution of funds, an appro-
9 priate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural
10 areas, and the investment in a variety of transportation
11 modes: *Provided further,* That a grant funded under this
12 heading shall be not less than \$5,000,000 and not greater
13 than \$25,000,000: *Provided further,* That not more than
14 5 percent of the funds made available under this heading
15 may be awarded to projects in a single State: *Provided*
16 *further,* That the Federal share of the costs for which an
17 expenditure is made under this heading shall be, at the
18 option of the recipient, up to 80 percent: *Provided further,*
19 That the Secretary shall give priority to projects that re-
20 quire a contribution of Federal funds in order to complete
21 an overall financing package: *Provided further,* That not
22 less than 30 percent of the funds provided under this
23 heading shall be for projects located in rural areas: *Pro-*
24 *vided further,* That for projects located in rural areas, the
25 minimum grant size shall be \$1,000,000 and the Secretary

1 may increase the Federal share of costs above 80 percent:
2 *Provided further*, That projects conducted using funds pro-
3 vided under this heading must comply with the require-
4 ments of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United
5 States Code: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall
6 conduct a new competition to select the grants and credit
7 assistance awarded under this heading: *Provided further*,
8 That the Secretary may retain up to \$20,000,000 of the
9 funds provided under this heading, and may transfer por-
10 tions of those funds to the Administrators of the Federal
11 Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administra-
12 tion, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the Mari-
13 time Administration to fund the award and oversight of
14 grants and credit assistance made under the National In-
15 frastructure Investments program: *Provided further*, That
16 the Secretary shall consider and award projects based sole-
17 ly on the selection criteria from the fiscal year 2016 Notice
18 of Funding Opportunity: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
19 retary shall not use the Federal share as a selection cri-
20 teria in awarding projects: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
21 retary shall issue the Notice of Funding Opportunity
22 under the previous proviso no later than 45 days after en-
23 actment of this Act: *Provided further*, That the Notice of
24 Funding Opportunity shall require application submis-
25 sions 60 days after the publishing of such Notice: *Provided*

1 *further*, That of the applications submitted under the pre-
2 vious two provisos, the Secretary shall make grants no
3 later than 225 days after enactment of this Act in such
4 amounts that the Secretary determines.

