Page 1190, after line 16, insert the following:

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

For capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure, $550,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2020: Provided, That the Secretary of Transportation shall distribute funds provided under this heading as discretionary grants to be awarded to a State, local government, transit agency, or a collaboration among such entities on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant local or regional impact: Provided further, That projects eligible for funding provided under this heading shall include, but not be limited to, highway or bridge projects eligible under title 23, United States Code; public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code; passenger and freight rail transportation projects; and port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry): Provided further, That the Secretary may use up to 20 percent of the funds made available under this
heading for the purpose of paying the subsidy and admin-
istrative costs of projects eligible for Federal credit assist-
ance under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code, if
the Secretary finds that such use of the funds would ad-
vance the purposes of this paragraph: Provided further,
That in distributing funds provided under this heading,
the Secretary shall take such measures so as to ensure
an equitable geographic distribution of funds, an appro-
priate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural
areas, and the investment in a variety of transportation
modes: Provided further, That a grant funded under this
heading shall be not less than $5,000,000 and not greater
than $25,000,000: Provided further, That not more than
5 percent of the funds made available under this heading
may be awarded to projects in a single State: Provided
further, That the Federal share of the costs for which an
expenditure is made under this heading shall be, at the
option of the recipient, up to 80 percent: Provided further,
That the Secretary shall give priority to projects that re-
quire a contribution of Federal funds in order to complete
an overall financing package: Provided further, That not
less than 30 percent of the funds provided under this
heading shall be for projects located in rural areas: Pro-
vided further, That for projects located in rural areas, the
minimum grant size shall be $1,000,000 and the Secretary
may increase the Federal share of costs above 80 percent: Provided further, That projects conducted using funds provided under this heading must comply with the requirements of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code: Provided further, That the Secretary shall conduct a new competition to select the grants and credit assistance awarded under this heading: Provided further, That the Secretary may retain up to $20,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading, and may transfer portions of those funds to the Administrators of the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the Maritime Administration to fund the award and oversight of grants and credit assistance made under the National Infrastructure Investments program: Provided further, That the Secretary shall consider and award projects based solely on the selection criteria from the fiscal year 2016 Notice of Funding Opportunity: Provided further, That the Secretary shall not use the Federal share as a selection criteria in awarding projects: Provided further, That the Secretary shall issue the Notice of Funding Opportunity under the previous proviso no later than 45 days after enactment of this Act: Provided further, That the Notice of Funding Opportunity shall require application submissions 60 days after the publishing of such Notice: Provided
further, That of the applications submitted under the previous two provisos, the Secretary shall make grants no later than 225 days after enactment of this Act in such amounts that the Secretary determines.