

AMENDMENT TO RULES
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Page 705, after line 3, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1640. LARGE BRIDGES INVESTMENT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Transpor-
3 tation shall establish a competitive grant program (re-
4 ferred to in this section as the “Program”) to award
5 grants to eligible entities for highway bridge replacement
6 and rehabilitation projects.

7 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make a
9 grant under the Program to—

10 (A) a State or a group of States; or

11 (B) a Federal land management agency.

12 (2) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant
13 under the Program, an entity specified in paragraph
14 (1) shall submit to the Secretary an application in
15 such form, at such time, and containing such infor-
16 mation as the Secretary determines is appropriate.

17 (c) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—The Secretary may award
18 a grant under the Program only for a highway bridge re-
19 placement or rehabilitation project that is—

1 (1) for a large bridge that does not cross an
2 international border; and

3 (2) carried out on—

4 (A) the National Highway System; or

5 (B) the National Highway Freight Net-
6 work established under section 167 of title 23,
7 United States Code.

8 (d) ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS.—A grant received for
9 a project under this section may be used for—

10 (1) development phase activities, including plan-
11 ning, feasibility analysis, revenue forecasting, envi-
12 ronmental review, preliminary engineering and de-
13 sign work, and other preconstruction activities; and

14 (2) replacement, rehabilitation, acquisition of
15 real property (including land related to the project
16 and improvements to the land), environmental miti-
17 gation, construction contingencies, and operational
18 improvements directly related to implementing elec-
19 tronic tolling.

20 (e) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In selecting eligible
21 projects to receive grants under the Program, the Sec-
22 retary shall consider the extent to which a project, relative
23 to other projects submitted in response to a Notice of
24 Funding Opportunity—

25 (1) serves a significant number of users;

1 (2) utilizes non-Federal contributions;

2 (3) utilizes nontraditional financing, innovative
3 design and construction techniques, or innovative
4 technologies;

5 (4) spans at least 1 border between 2 States;

6 (5) rehabilitates or replaces a large bridge
7 that—

8 (A) is classified as in poor condition;

9 (B) is load posted; or

10 (C) does not meet current geometric design
11 standards;

12 (6) will improve resiliency; and

13 (7) facilitates transfer of bridge ownership from
14 the Federal government to a non-Federal entity.

15 (f) ELECTRONIC TOLLING.—Any toll facility located
16 on a bridge receiving a grant under this section shall, upon
17 completion of the project funded with such grant—

18 (1) utilize only electronic toll collection; and

19 (2) implement technologies or business practices
20 that provide for the regional interoperability of elec-
21 tronic toll collection programs, to the extent prac-
22 ticable.

23 (g) FEDERAL SHARE.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—A grant under the Program
25 shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of a project.

1 Subject to the limitation in paragraph (2), Federal
2 assistance other than a grant under the Program
3 may be used for the remainder of the cost of the
4 project.

5 (2) MAXIMUM FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT.—The
6 total Federal assistance provided for a project re-
7 ceiving a grant under the Program shall not exceed
8 80 percent of the cost of a project.

9 (3) FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES.—
10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any
11 Federal funds other than those made available under
12 title 23 or title 49, United States Code, may be used
13 to pay the non-Federal share of the cost of a project
14 carried out by a Federal land management agency
15 with a grant under the Program.

16 (h) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—The Secretary
17 may use not more than 2 percent of the amounts made
18 available for the Program for each fiscal year to pay the
19 administrative expenses of the Program.

20 (i) APPLICABILITY OF TITLE 23, UNITED STATES
21 CODE.—Funds made available to carry out this section
22 shall be administered as if apportioned under chapter I
23 of title 23, United States Code.

24 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
25 nitions apply:

1 (1) LARGE BRIDGE.—The term “large bridge”
2 means a bridge—

3 (A) with total deck area of 400,000 square
4 feet or more; or

5 (B) with a main span of 500 feet or more.

6 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means any of
7 the 50 States, the District of Columbia, or Puerto
8 Rico.

