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To authorize programs and activities to support transportation options in areas with limited access to public transportation due to extensive repair or reconstruction projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. JEFFRIES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Increase Transpor-
5 tation Alternatives Investment Program”.

1 **SEC. 2. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 Section 133 of title 23, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(j) PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.—The
6 Secretary through issuing regulations shall ensure that
7 States give preference to eligible projects under this sec-
8 tion located in areas that are undergoing extensive repair
9 or reconstruction of Federal-aid highways, passenger rail,
10 and other federally owned roads open for public travel, and
11 public transportation, for the purpose of providing trans-
12 portation alternatives related to the full or partial closure
13 of transportation infrastructure in such areas.”.

14 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
16 shall carry out a grant program to support community ef-
17 forts to invest in transportation alternatives.

18 (b) AWARD OF GRANTS.—Not later than 1 year after
19 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
20 award grants under the program on a competitive basis.
21 The Secretary shall give preference to projects located in
22 areas that are undergoing extensive repair or reconstruc-
23 tion of Federal-aid highways, passenger rail, and other
24 federally owned roads open for public travel, and public
25 transportation.

1 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The following entities shall
2 be eligible to receive grants under the program:

3 (1) State and local governments.

4 (2) Metropolitan planning organizations.

5 (3) Rural planning organizations.

6 (d) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Amounts received in
7 grants under the program may be used to plan for, facili-
8 tate, and provide initial support for any of the following
9 activities:

10 (1) Transportation demand management pro-
11 grams, including support for transportation manage-
12 ment associations.

13 (2) Carpool or telecommuting projects.

14 (3) Planning, design, acquisition of rights-of-
15 way, construction, improvement, and management of
16 streets, pathways, and public transportation facilities
17 to facilitate expanded bicycle and pedestrian mobility
18 and access.

19 (e) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under the pro-
20 gram, an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary an
21 application in such form and manner as the Secretary pre-
22 scribes.

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