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A look at transportation funding in the House surface bill

The House Transportation Committee released its surface transportation bill on June 3 - a five-year, \$494 billion proposal to fund highways, bridges, transit and rail, along with a focus on climate mitigation and resiliency. The committee plans to mark up the legislation June 17 with the goal of bringing it to the floor for a vote on July 1. The bill would create a raft of new discretionary grant programs for federal and tribal lands, electric vehicle charging, climate innovation projects and more. Single-year grants target gridlock, rural community needs and truck parking.

Here are highlights of allocations in the bill.

A breakdown of the \$494 billion and some distribution highlights

\$319 billion Federal Highway Administration Funds the following federal-aid highway programs: National Highway Performance Surface Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement National Highway Freight Metropolitan planning Railway crossing Predisaster Mitigation Carbon Pollution Reduction

FORMULA GRANTS

Grant amounts are awarded to predetermined recipients and calculated based on a distribution formula that includes population and other demographic data.

\$28B Bridge repair and rehabilitation
\$8.35B Carbon pollution reduction
\$6.25B Resilience and emergency evacuation planning

About \$49B For local transportation needs **\$750M, \$100M** and \$895M per year

*Puerto Rico would receive \$210M per year.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Grant awardees are selected based on merit and eligibility.

 More than \$9B
 Projects of National and Regional Significance

 \$600M per year
 Community Transportation Investment grants

 \$400M per year
 Federal Lands and Tribal Major Projects Program

 \$50M per year
 Tribal High Priority Projects

 \$350M per year
 Electric Vehicle Charging and Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure grants

\$250M per year Community Climate Innovation grants
\$750M Metro Performance Program

SINGLE-YEAR GRANTS

\$250M Gridlock Reduction grants **\$250M** Rebuild Rural grants

\$250M Active Transportation Connectivity grants\$250M Commercial Motor Vehicle Parking grants

Grants awarded to recipients once.



\$100M per year Grants to increase bus frequency and ridership in cities

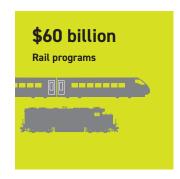
\$5B Formula grants for buses

\$1.7B Zero-emission bus grants

\$1.6B Bus facility and fleet expansion grants

\$50M per year Grants for rural counties with a poverty rate above 20 percent since 1990

\$12M Creation of workforce training center\$20M Transit Oriented Development Planning grants



\$29.3B For repair and development of passenger railroad Amtrak

\$19B Passenger Rail Improvement, Modernization and Expansion grant program to improve and expand passenger rail transportation

\$7B Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements grant to fund passenger and freight rail projects

\$2.5B Grant funding for rail safety

\$150M Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program



National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



such as electronic message boards, signage and patrol presence

\$1.9B To states for state highway traffic safety

\$35M per year Discretionary grant for states to implement state traffic safety law
\$300M For high-visibility national traffic safety enforcement campaigns,

\$2B Grants focusing on traffic safety targeting distracted and alcohol-impaired driving, novice driver licensing



Federal Motor Carrier Safety

Administration

Motor carrier safety programs



\$1.6B Motor Carrier Safety Assistance grants

\$300M High Priority Activities grants

\$232M Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation grants

\$4.3M Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators grants

\$1.5B To modernize FMCSA's information technology and information management systems of motor carrier safety operations