

117TH CONGRESS
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To provide assistance for surface transportation projects relating to international Olympic, Paralympic, and Special Olympics events.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 “Transportation Assist-
5 ance for Olympic Cities Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR OLYMPIC,**
2 **PARALYMPIC, AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS CIT-**
3 **IES.**

4 (a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to
5 prioritize and support State and local efforts on surface
6 transportation issues necessary to obtain the national rec-
7 ognition and economic benefits of participation in the
8 international Olympic, Paralympic, and Special Olympics
9 movement by hosting international Olympic, Paralympic,
10 and Special Olympics events in the United States.

11 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

12 (1) **COVERED EVENT.**—

13 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “covered
14 event” means an international Olympic,
15 Paralympic, or Special Olympics event held at
16 a site that has been selected to hold such event.

17 (B) **EXCLUSION.**—The term “covered
18 event” does not include activities relating to
19 preparing or submitting a bid to be selected to
20 hold an international Olympic, Paralympic, or
21 Special Olympics event.

22 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of Transportation.

24 (c) **PRIORITY FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS RE-**
25 **LATING TO OLYMPIC, PARALYMPIC, AND SPECIAL OLYM-**
26 **PICS EVENTS.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, in providing grants for surface
3 transportation projects described in paragraph (2),
4 the Secretary may give priority to a surface trans-
5 portation project relating to a covered event.

6 (2) GRANTS DESCRIBED.—A grant referred to
7 in paragraph (1) is a discretionary grant for a sur-
8 face transportation project—

9 (A) under title 23 or 49, United States
10 Code, beginning on the date of enactment of
11 this Act; or

12 (B) otherwise administered by the Sec-
13 retary for surface transportation projects.

14 (d) TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES.—The
15 Secretary shall take all reasonable efforts to provide as-
16 sistance to a covered event, including—

17 (1) by providing assistance for planning activi-
18 ties of States and metropolitan planning organiza-
19 tions under sections 134 and 135 of title 23, United
20 States Code, for surface transportation projects re-
21 lating to a covered event;

22 (2) by developing intermodal transportation
23 plans in coordination with States and local transpor-
24 tation agencies;

1 (3) by expediting review and comment of any
2 required submissions to the Secretary relating to a
3 covered event; and

4 (4) by providing technical assistance.

5 (e) TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS RELATING TO
6 OLYMPIC, PARALYMPIC, AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS
7 EVENTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide
9 assistance, including planning, capital, and operating
10 assistance, to a State or unit of local government in
11 carrying out surface transportation projects relating
12 to a covered event.

13 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any
14 other provision of law, any funding provided in ac-
15 cordance with this section may be used for any tem-
16 porary facility, equipment, operations, and mainte-
17 nance that meets the extraordinary surface transpor-
18 tation needs associated with hosting a covered event.

19 (f) FUNDING.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
21 appropriated to carry out this section such sums as
22 are necessary for each of fiscal years 2022 through
23 2034.

24 (2) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Any
25 amounts provided to a State or unit of local govern-

1 ment in accordance with this section shall be in ad-
2 dition to any Federal funds otherwise available to
3 the State or unit of local government for the surface
4 transportation project.

5 (g) SUNSET.—The authority provided by this section
6 shall terminate on September 30, 2034.