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H. R. 7642

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR OLYMPIC,**
7 **PARALYMPIC, AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS CIT-**
8 **IES.**

9 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to
10 prioritize and support State and local efforts on surface

1 transportation issues necessary to obtain the national rec-
2 ognition and economic benefits of participation in the
3 international Olympic, Paralympic, and Special Olympics
4 movement by hosting international Olympic, Paralympic,
5 and Special Olympics events in the United States.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) COVERED EVENT.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “covered
9 event” means an international Olympic,
10 Paralympic, or Special Olympics event held at
11 a site that has been selected to hold such event.

12 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “covered
13 event” does not include activities relating to
14 preparing or submitting a bid to be selected to
15 hold an international Olympic, Paralympic, or
16 Special Olympics event.

17 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of Transportation.

19 (c) PRIORITY FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS RE-
20 LATING TO OLYMPIC, PARALYMPIC, AND SPECIAL OLYM-
21 PICS EVENTS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
23 provision of law, in providing grants for surface
24 transportation projects described in paragraph (2),

1 the Secretary may give priority to a surface trans-
2 portation project relating to a covered event.

3 (2) GRANTS DESCRIBED.—A grant referred to
4 in paragraph (1) is a discretionary grant for a sur-
5 face transportation project—

6 (A) under title 23 or 49, United States
7 Code, beginning on the date of enactment of
8 this Act; or

9 (B) otherwise administered by the Sec-
10 retary for surface transportation projects.

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

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

19 (2) by developing intermodal transportation
20 plans in coordination with States and local transpor-
21 tation agencies;

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

25 (4) by providing technical assistance.

1 (e) TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS RELATING TO
2 OLYMPIC, PARALYMPIC, AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS
3 EVENTS.—

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

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

15 (f) FUNDING.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
17 appropriated to carry out this section such sums as
18 are necessary for each of fiscal years 2022 through
19 2034.

20 (2) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Any
21 amounts provided to a State or unit of local govern-
22 ment in accordance with this section shall be in ad-
23 dition to any Federal funds otherwise available to
24 the State or unit of local government for the surface
25 transportation project.

- 1 (g) SUNSET.—The authority provided by this section
- 2 shall terminate on September 30, 2034.

