

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED TO THE
TRANSPORTATION/HUD APPROPRIATIONS BILL
FOR FY 2016

Full Committee Markup
House Appropriations Committee
Wednesday, May 13, 2015

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**Managers' Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2016 Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Act**

In the bill:

Page 22, line 5 – insert the following new section:

“SEC. 119B. None of the funds appropriated or limited by this Act may be used to change weight restrictions or prior permission rules at Teterboro airport in Teterboro, New Jersey.”.

Page 48, line 16 – After “plan:” insert:

“ *Provided further*, That in addition to the project management oversight funds authorized under section 101(d) of division B of Public Law 110-432, the Secretary may retain up to an additional \$3,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading to fund expenses associated with implementing section 212 of division B of Public Law 110-432, including the amendments made by section 212 to section 24905 of title 49, United States Code: ”.

Page 59, line 8 – strike “16 U.S.C. 5405(c)” and insert “54 U.S.C. 308704”.

Page 96, line 24 – After “to” insert “, made available,”.

Page 105, line 4 – before the period, insert:

“ : *Provided further*, That in addition, of the prior year unobligated balances of funds, including recaptures and carryover, made available under this heading, \$47,000,000 shall be used for an

additional amount for the purposes provided under this heading, notwithstanding any purpose for which originally appropriated ”.

In the report:

Page 13 – Before the header “Working Capital Fund”, insert:

“ The Committee is aware of concerns raised by some U.S. airlines and their employees with regard to existing open skies agreements and the issue of whether subsidies have resulted in market distortions. The Committee understands that an interagency process has been established to allow stakeholders to provide information to help inform any potential U.S. Government response to such allegations, including requesting consultations, as provided for under existing open skies agreements. The Committee directs the Department to ensure full consideration of comments from stakeholders and report to the Committees on Appropriations on its review of stakeholder input, including any potential corrective actions within the framework of existing open skies agreements, within 90 days of enactment. ”

Page 20 – Before the header “Commercial Space Transportation”, insert:

“ *Temporary flight restrictions.*—The FAA issues temporary flight restrictions (TFRs) to restrict aircraft from operating within a defined area to protect persons or property in the air or on the ground. The Committee expects FAA to give careful consideration to the use and duration of TFRs issued for large events that present increased security risks. In addition, the Committee requests that the FAA evaluate the impact of any potential changes to TFRs that would have an impact on air traffic management. ”

Page 25 – At the end of the paragraph titled, “*Performance-based navigation*”, insert:

“ Further, the Committee urges the FAA to substantively engage with local communities before the implementation of new flight

paths and procedures, even when not mandated by law. The Committee believes this will yield positive benefits. ”

Page 26 – Before the paragraph titled, “*Omni-directional range/ minimum operating network*”, insert:

“ *Runway status lights*.—Reducing runway incursions is a high priority for improving aviation safety, and the Committee commends the FAA for initiating the runway status lights (RWSL) program to respond to NTSB’s safety recommendations. Due to budget constraints and unanticipated construction costs, however, in fiscal year 2014, the FAA split the program into two phases and is currently implementing RWSL at 17 airports. For the airports in phase II, the FAA has formed surface safety initiatives teams to recommend approaches for improving surface safety, including RWSL. The Committee directs FAA to submit a report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees no later than 180 days after enactment that details the status and analysis of the surface safety initiatives teams for each phase II airport that has elected to remain in the program. FAA should review the suitability of installing RWSL at airports being equipped with airport surface surveillance capabilities and include strategies for reducing the costs of installing and supporting RWSL. ”

Page 30 – Before the header “Federal Highway Administration”, insert:

“ Section 119B. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting funds to change weight restrictions or prior permission rules at Teterboro Airport in Teterboro, New Jersey. ”

Page 41 – Before the header “Highway Traffic Safety Grants”, insert:

*“ Child vehicle heatstroke prevention.—*The Committee commends NHTSA for its work to educate the public on the dangers involving heatstroke in young children. These efforts have raised awareness and resulted in changes in behavior by parents and others. In order to sustain this progress, the Committee urges NHTSA to continue its prevention campaign including engagement with stakeholders. The Committee further urges NHTSA to focus on those states that experience the most child deaths per capita, and to utilize existing communications platforms, such as dynamic highway message signs, to enhance ongoing awareness programs during the hot weather season. ”

Page 43 – In the paragraph titled “*Grade crossing safety*”, delete the first sentence and insert:

“ According to FRA, from fiscal year 2013 to 2014, the number of collisions at highway –railroad grade crossings increased by 12 percent and the number of fatalities remained a constant 249. However, on a calendar year basis, the number of fatalities increased by more than 15 percent. ”

Page 44 – In the paragraph titled “*Positive train control (PTC)*”, after the last sentence, insert:

“ The Committee directs FRA to provide progress updates on railroads’ PTC implementation.

*Multi-state planning.—*The Committee urges the FRA to engage stakeholders in the southeastern region of the United States to develop a multi-state planning process for improving the intercity passenger rail network. The Committee directs FRA to provide an update on this effort to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees within 180 days of enactment. ”

Page 53 – Before the header “Transit Formula Grants (liquidation of contract authority)”, insert the following:

“ Core capacity. – FTA’s Rail Modernization Study in 2009 highlighted the state-of-good repair needs of our nation’s oldest transit systems and the challenges of increasing capacity on established legacy fixed-guideway systems to meet ridership demand. This study provided the framework for the eventual authorization of the core capacity program, and the Committee is interested in FTA’s implementation of this new, MAP-21 program. The Committee directs FTA to report within 180 days of enactment of his Act on how the new core capacity program could address both increased ridership and constrained infrastructure expansion challenges, particularly in legacy heavy rail systems. ”

Page 56 - Under the header “Committee Recommendation,” delete the second and third paragraphs and insert the following:

“ The Committee does not make this recommendation lightly, and remains committed to assisting WMATA with its capital and safety needs. However, the Committee is looking to WMATA, FTA, and the governments of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia to demonstrate their commitment to the region’s transit system, it’s financial health and sound planning, and actions to address infrastructure and safety concerns. Recruiting a strong leader to address the concerns raised by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and FTA would be a step in the right direction.

The Committee directs WMATA to continue addressing the safety issues within the agency, specifically, those identified by the NTSB. WMATA is further directed to implement any and all

corrective actions to address financial, contracting, and accounting concerns raised by FTA's financial management oversight audit. ”

Page 58 – Under the header “Committee Recommendation,” in the second paragraph, delete the last two sentences and insert the following:

“ While the Committee’s recommendation does not include new funds for the hands-free mooring system installation at Snell Lock, the SLSDC is free to utilize prior year unobligated funds for the project. ”

Page 78 – Before the header “Rental Assistance Demonstration”, insert:

“ Veterans affairs supportive housing (VASH) on tribal lands.— The Committee directs the Department to submit a report to the Committee on the progress that it has made in implementing the HUD-VASH pilot program for homeless Native American veterans on tribal lands. The report should include an update on the status of the pilot and compare regional variation in implementing the program on different reservations.

*Equal access rule guidance.—*The Committee encourages the Department to continue its work to support the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community by further clarifying the Equal Access Rule published in 2012. This guidance will ensure HUD programs are open to all eligible individuals regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. The Committee requests the Secretary to submit a report within 90 days of enactment of this Act detailing: (1) the Department’s strategy for continuing to ensure that LGBT individuals have access to HUD programs for which they are eligible; and (2) the plan for disseminating this information to PHAs. ”

Page 88 – Under the header “Committee Recommendation”, delete the third sentence in the first paragraph and instead insert:

“ This includes \$20,000,000 available from an elderly demonstration program, \$20,000,000 available from supportive housing capital advance program funds, and \$7,000,000 of the \$16,000,000 available in fiscal year 2015 residual receipt recaptures. ”

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**AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND HUD
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. CULBERSON OF TEXAS**

Page 54, line 11, strike "None" and insert "(a) LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in subsection (b), none".

Page 54, after line 19, insert the following:

- 1 “(b) EXCEPTION FOR A NEW ELECTION.—The Met-
- 2 ropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas, may
- 3 attempt to construct or construct a new fixed guideway
- 4 capital project, including light rail, in the locations re-
- 5 ferred to in subsection (a) if —
- 6 “(1) voters in the jurisdiction that includes
- 7 such locations approve a ballot proposition that
- 8 specifies routes on Richmond Avenue west of South
- 9 Shepherd Drive or on Post Oak Boulevard north of
- 10 Richmond Avenue in Houston, Texas; and
- 11 “(2) the proposed construction of such routes is
- 12 part of a comprehensive, multi-modal, service-area
- 13 wide ~~congestion relief~~ *transportation* plan that includes multiple ad-
- 14 ditional segments of fixed guideway capital projects,
- 15 including light rail for the jurisdiction set forth in

1 the ballot proposition. The ballot language shall in-
2 clude reasonable cost estimates, sources of revenue
3 to be used and the total amount of bonded indebted-
4 ness to be incurred as well as a description of each
5 route and the beginning and end point of each pro-
6 posed transit project.”.



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**AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND HUD
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MRS. LOWEY OF NEW YORK**

Page 34, after line 12, insert the following:

- 1 SEC. _____. Section 130(c)(1) of title 23, United
- 2 States Code, is amended by striking "\$220,000,000" and
- 3 inserting "\$350,000,000".





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**AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND HUD
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR OF OHIO**

Page 55, line 12, increase the dollar amount by
\$3,642,000.

Page 55, line 23, reduce the dollar amount by
\$3,642,000.



Rep. Scott Rigell

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**AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND HUD
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. RIGELL OF VIRGINIA**

Page 12, line 25, reduce the dollar amount by \$22,000,000.

Page 13, line 10, reduce the dollar amount by \$6,000,000.

Page 13, line 7, reduce the dollar amount by \$16,000,000.

Page 50, line 17, reduce the dollar amount by \$3,000,000.

Page, 52, line 14, increase the dollar amount by \$25,000,000.

At the appropriate place in the Committee Report under the heading "Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority", insert the following: "As the fiscal year 2016 process continues, WMATA and FTA are directed to update the Committee monthly about any improvements made to WMATA's financial and contracting systems and addressing material weaknesses. Should FTA indicate substantial improvement at WMATA in address-

ing these issues, the Committee will reevaluate the funding recommendation as the bill moves to conference.”.

