

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 7
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TEXAS**

Page 701, after line 24, insert the following (and re-designate the succeeding subsections accordingly):

1 “(f) STRENGTHENING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
2 AND ENVIRONMENTAL DECISIONMAKING.—

3 “(1) OBJECTIVES.—In carrying out the pro-
4 gram under this section, the Secretary shall improve
5 transportation planning and environmental decision-
6 making processes and minimize the impact of sur-
7 face transportation on the environment and quality
8 of life through research and development activities
9 to—

10 “(A) reduce the impact of highway infra-
11 structure and operations on the natural and
12 human environment;

13 “(B) advance improvements in environ-
14 mental analyses and processes and context sen-
15 sitive solutions for transportation decision-
16 making;

17 “(C) improve construction techniques;

1 “(D) accelerate construction to reduce con-
2 gestion and related emissions;

3 “(E) reduce the impact of highway runoff
4 on the environment;

5 “(F) maintain sustainability of biological
6 communities and ecosystems adjacent to high-
7 way corridors;

8 “(G) improve understanding and modeling
9 of the factors that contribute to the demand for
10 transportation;

11 “(H) improve transportation planning deci-
12 sionmaking and coordination; and

13 “(I) reduce the environmental impacts of
14 freight movement.

15 “(2) ACTIVITIES.—Research and technology ac-
16 tivities carried out under this subsection may in-
17 clude—

18 “(A) creation of models and tools for eval-
19 uating transportation measures and transpor-
20 tation system designs;

21 “(B) congestion reduction efforts;

22 “(C) transportation planning in rural areas
23 and small communities;

1 “(D) improvement of State, local, and trib-
2 al capabilities relating to surface transportation
3 planning and the environment;

4 “(E) environmental stewardship and sus-
5 tainability activities;

6 “(F) streamlining of project delivery proc-
7 esses;

8 “(G) development of effective strategies
9 and techniques to analyze and minimize im-
10 pacts to the natural and human environment
11 and provide environmentally beneficial mitiga-
12 tion;

13 “(H) comprehensive multinational plan-
14 ning;

15 “(I) multistate transportation corridor
16 planning;

17 “(J) improvement of transportation
18 choices, including walking, bicycling, and link-
19 ages to public transportation;

20 “(K) ecosystem sustainability;

21 “(L) wildlife and plant population
22 connectivity and interaction across and along
23 highway corridors;

24 “(M) analysis, measurement, and reduction
25 of air pollution from transportation sources;

1 “(N) advancement in the understanding of
2 health impact analyses in transportation plan-
3 ning and project development;

4 “(O) transportation planning professional
5 development;

6 “(P) research on improving the coopera-
7 tion and integration of transportation planning
8 with other regional plans, including land use,
9 energy, water infrastructure, and housing plans;
10 and

11 “(Q) reducing the environmental impacts
12 of freight movement.

