

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 7
OFFERED BY MS. WATERS OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle G of title I of the Rules Committee Print, insert the following:

1 SEC. 17 ____ . TIGER GRANTS.

2 There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
3 years 2013 and 2014 for capital investments in surface
4 transportation infrastructure \$500,000,000, for each fis-
5 cal year to remain available through September 30, 2014:
6 Provided, That the Secretary of Transportation shall dis-
7 tribute funds provided under this section as discretionary
8 grants to be awarded to a State, local government, transit
9 agency, or a collaboration among such entities on a com-
10 petitive basis for projects that will have a significant im-
11 pact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region: Pro-
12 vided further, That projects eligible for funding provided
13 under this section shall include, highway or bridge projects
14 eligible under title 23, United States Code; public trans-
15 portation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49,
16 United States Code; passenger and freight rail transpor-
17 tation projects; and port infrastructure investments: Pro-
18 vided further, That the Secretary shall give priority to

1 projects which demonstrate transportation benefits for ex-
2 isting systems or improve interconnectivity between
3 modes: Provided further, That the Secretary may use up
4 to 35 percent of the funds made available under this sec-
5 tion in each fiscal year for the purpose of paying the sub-
6 sidy and administrative costs of projects eligible for Fed-
7 eral credit assistance under chapter 6 of title 23, United
8 States Code, if the Secretary finds that such use of the
9 funds would advance the purposes of this paragraph: Pro-
10 vided further, That in distributing funds provided under
11 this section, the Secretary shall take such measures so as
12 to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds,
13 an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban
14 and rural areas, and the investment in a variety of trans-
15 portation modes: Provided further, That a grant funded
16 under this section shall be not less than \$10,000,000 and
17 not greater than \$200,000,000 in each fiscal year: Pro-
18 vided further, That not more than 25 percent of the funds
19 made available under this section in each fiscal year may
20 be awarded to projects in a single State: Provided further,
21 That the Federal share of the costs for which an expendi-
22 ture is made under this section shall be, at the option of
23 the recipient, up to 80 percent: Provided further, That not
24 less than \$120,000,000 of the funds provided under this
25 section for each fiscal year shall be for projects located

1 in rural areas: Provided further, That for projects located
2 in rural areas, the minimum grant size shall be
3 \$1,000,000 and the Secretary may increase the Federal
4 share of costs above 80 percent: Provided further, That
5 projects conducted using funds provided under this section
6 must comply with the requirements of subchapter IV of
7 chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code: Provided fur-
8 ther, That the Secretary shall conduct a new competition
9 to select the grants and credit assistance awarded under
10 this section: Provided further, That the Secretary may re-
11 tain up to \$20,000,000 for each fiscal year of the funds
12 provided under this section, and may transfer portions of
13 those funds to the Administrators of the Federal Highway
14 Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the
15 Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Mari-
16 time Administration, to fund the award and oversight of
17 grants and credit assistance made under the National In-
18 frastructure Investments program: Provided further, That
19 the Secretary shall give priority to projects that require
20 a contribution of Federal funds in order to complete an
21 overall financing package.

