

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2
OFFERED BY MR. DESAULNIER OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 351, after line 16, insert the following:

1 **SEC. _____ . PROJECT SELECTION TRANSPARENCY AND**
2 **ACCOUNTABILITY.**

3 (a) METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING;
4 TITLE 23.—Section 134 of title 23, United States Code,
5 is further amended—

6 (1) in subsection (i) by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(9) PROJECT SELECTION TRANSPARENCY AND
9 ACCOUNTABILITY.—Projects included in the adopted
10 transportation plan shall be selected through a pub-
11 licly available transparent process that includes the
12 use of criteria that support the factors in subsection
13 (h), the national transportation goals under section
14 150(b), and applicable State transportation goals.
15 Such criteria shall be used to publicly categorize the
16 highest performing projects.”; and

17 (2) in subsection (j)(2)(A) by inserting
18 “Projects included in the priority list shall come
19 from the highest performing category of projects

1 identified in the transportation plan under sub-
2 section (i)(9). If a lower-categorized project is in-
3 cluded in the priority project list, a public descrip-
4 tion shall be included to explain why the lower-cat-
5 egorized project is included before a higher-cat-
6 egorized project, including geographic balance and
7 projects in economically distressed areas.” after
8 “TIP.”.

9 (b) METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING;
10 TITLE 49.—Section 5303 of title 49, United States Code,
11 is further amended—

12 (1) in subsection (i) by adding at the end the
13 following:

14 “(9) PROJECT SELECTION TRANSPARENCY AND
15 ACCOUNTABILITY.—Projects included in the adopted
16 long-range statewide transportation plan shall be se-
17 lected through a publicly available transparent proc-
18 ess that includes the use of criteria that support the
19 factors in subsection (d), the national transportation
20 goals under section 150(b), and applicable State
21 transportation goals. The criteria shall be used to
22 publicly categorize the highest performing projects.”;
23 and

24 (2) in subsection (j)(2)(A) by inserting
25 “Projects included in the priority list shall come

1 from the highest performing category of projects
2 identified in the transportation plan under sub-
3 section (i)(9). If a lower-categorized project is in-
4 cluded in the priority project list, a public descrip-
5 tion shall be included to explain why the lower-cat-
6 egorized project is included before a higher-cat-
7 egorized project, including geographic balance and
8 projects in economically distressed areas.” after
9 “TIP.”.

10 (c) STATEWIDE AND NONMETROPOLITAN TRANSPOR-
11 TATION PLANNING; TITLE 23.—Section 135(f) of title 23,
12 United States Code, is further amended—

13 (1) in subsection (f) by adding at the end the
14 following:

15 “(11) PROJECT SELECTION TRANSPARENCY
16 AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—Projects included in the
17 adopted long-range statewide transportation plan
18 shall be selected through a publicly available trans-
19 parent process that includes the use of criteria that
20 directly support factors in subsection (d), the na-
21 tional transportation goals under section 150(b), and
22 applicable State transportation goals. The criteria
23 shall be used to publicly categorize the highest per-
24 forming projects.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (g)(5)(A) by inserting
2 “Projects included in the transportation improve-
3 ment program shall come from the highest per-
4 forming category of projects identified in the trans-
5 portation plan under subsection (f)(11). If a lower-
6 categorized project is included in such plan, a public
7 description shall be included to explain why the
8 lower-categorized project is included before a higher-
9 categorized project, including geographic balance
10 and projects in economically distressed areas.” after
11 “State.”.

12 (d) STATEWIDE AND NONMETROPOLITAN TRANSPOR-
13 TATION PLANNING; TITLE 49.—Section 5304 of title 49,
14 United States Code, is further amended—

15 (1) in subsection (f) by adding at the end the
16 following:

17 “(11) PROJECT SELECTION TRANSPARENCY
18 AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—Projects included in the
19 adopted long-range statewide transportation plan
20 shall be selected through a publicly available trans-
21 parent process that includes the use of criteria that
22 support factors in subsection (d), the national trans-
23 portation goals under section 150(b), and applicable
24 State transportation goals. The criteria shall be used

1 to publicly categorize the highest performing
2 projects.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (g)(5)(A) by inserting
4 “Projects included in the statewide transportation
5 improvement program shall come from the highest
6 performing category of projects identified in the
7 transportation plan under subsection (f)(11). If a
8 lower-categorized project is included in such plan, a
9 public description shall be included to explain why
10 the lower-categorized project is included before a
11 higher-categorized project, including geographic bal-
12 ance and projects in economically distressed areas.”
13 after “State.”.

