

## **TITLE VII – COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Subtitle A – Transportation and Infrastructure**

#### *Sec. 7001. Federal Emergency Management Agency Appropriation.*

This section provides the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with \$50 billion to reimburse state, local, tribal, and territorial governments dealing with ongoing response and recovery activities from COVID-19 and other Presidentially-declared major disaster declarations, available through fiscal year 2025.

#### *Sec. 7002. Funeral Assistance.*

This section directs FEMA to continue providing funeral assistance for COVID-19-related deaths and to provide such assistance at 100 percent federal cost share.

#### *Sec. 7003. Economic Adjustment Assistance.*

This section provides \$3 billion for the Economic Development Administration to provide economic adjustment assistance for fiscal year 2021 for the purpose of preventing, preparing for, and responding to economic injury caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. It also sets aside 15 percent of the assistance for communities that have suffered economic injury as a result of job losses in travel, tourism, or outdoor recreation activities.

#### *Sec. 7004. Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Operations and Maintenance.*

This section provides \$1.5 million from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to the Seaway International Bridge for operations, maintenance, and capital infrastructure activities.

#### *Sec. 7005. Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.*

This section provides \$1.5 billion to keep Amtrak fully operational through fiscal year 2021. Specifically, it provides \$820 million for the Northeast Corridor and \$680 million for the National Network. The funding will allow Amtrak to recall and pay employees furloughed due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the end of fiscal year 2021 and restore daily long-distance service. It also sets aside \$117 million to states to help cover lost revenue in state-supported routes and avoid large increases in state payments to Amtrak; \$109 million to states and commuter rail agencies to cover their Northeast Corridor commuter rail payment to Amtrak; and \$101 million to cover Amtrak's debt repayments.

#### *Sec. 7006. Federal Transit Administration Grants.*

This section provides \$30 billion to transit agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. These funds are to be primarily used for payroll expenses, operating costs to

maintain service including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and expenses related to administrative leave of operations or contractor personnel due to reductions in service.

Specifically it includes \$26.1 billion in operating assistance formula grants for transit agencies located in areas of populations of 50,000 or more; \$280 million in operating assistance formula grants for states to support rural transit agencies in areas of fewer than 50,000 people; \$5 million in grants for transit on Tribal lands; \$50 million for transit providers in communities of all sizes to provide transportation for seniors and people with disabilities; \$100 million for intercity bus service that provides essential connections to rural transit; \$2.2 billion in emergency relief funding; \$1.25 billion to ensure the solvency of ongoing New Start, Core Capacity, and Small Start capital investments; and \$25 million in planning grants to help agencies improve service throughout the pandemic.

*Sec. 7007. Relief for Airports.*

This section provides \$8 billion in emergency aid for primary airports, non-primary airports, and airport concessions. Of this amount \$6.4 billion is distributed to primary airports for costs related to operations, personnel, debt service payments, and combating the spread of pathogens at airports. A condition of receiving federal funds is that airports are required to continue to retain 90 percent of their workforce through the end of the fiscal year. This section also provides \$100 million to non-primary airports to help address costs related to the current pandemic and more than \$600 million to help ensure all airports receive 100 percent federal cost share for any airport improvement grant awarded to them in fiscal year 2021. Finally, this section allocates \$800 million to airport concessions at primary airports to provide relief from rent and minimum annual guarantee obligations. Eight percent of this allocation is for small businesses and minority-owned firms.

**Subtitle B – Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection**

*Sec. 7101. Definitions.*

This section provides definitions for this Subtitle.

*Sec. 7102. Payroll Support Program.*

This section establishes a \$3 billion temporary payroll support program, administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, to provide a 50 percent federal share to eligible U.S. aerospace manufacturing companies to help cover the wages, salaries, and benefits of manufacturing employees most at risk of being furloughed

**Subtitle C – Continued Assistance to Rail Workers**

*Sec. 7201. Additional Enhanced Benefits Under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.*

This section provides an additional \$400 per week to unemployed railroad workers on top of their standard benefit for registration periods beginning on or before August 29, 2021.

*Sec. 7202. Extended Unemployment Benefits Under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.*

This section provides up to 24 additional weeks of unemployment benefits, which expire after August 29, 2021.

*Sec. 7203. Extension of Waiver of the 7-Day Waiting Period for Benefits Under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.*

This section waives the one-week delay for railroad unemployment and sickness benefits through August 29, 2021.

*Sec. 7204. Railroad Retirement Board and Office of the Inspector General Funding.*

This section provides the Railroad Retirement Board \$6.8 million for additional hiring and overtime bonuses needed to administer the sustained high volume of unemployment and sickness benefits, and \$21.175 million for improvements to the Information Technology Investment Initiatives. In addition, it provides \$500,000 to the Railroad Retirement Board Office of the Inspector General for oversight activities.