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To amend section 213 of title 23, United States Code, relating to the
Transportation Alternatives Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

A BILL

To amend section 213 of title 23, United States Code,
relating to the Transportation Alternatives Program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM.**

4 (a) COST SHARING.—Section 120 of title 23, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(l) TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM.—

8 The Federal share requirements under this section appli-
9 cable to the transportation alternatives program under
10 section 213 may be met based on—

1 “(1) an individual project or activity under that
2 section; or

3 “(2) a program of projects or activities ap-
4 proved under that section.”.

5 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES; ANNUAL REPORTS.—Sec-
6 tion 213 of title 23, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “each of
9 fiscal years 2013 and 2014” and inserting
10 “each fiscal year”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “2 per-
12 cent” and inserting “3 percent”;

13 (2) in subsection (c)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1)—

15 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
16 “50 percent” and inserting “66.67 per-
17 cent”; and

18 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
19 “50 percent shall be obligated” and insert-
20 ing “33.33 percent shall be obligated to
21 any eligible entity”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (4)(B)—

23 (i) by redesignating clauses (vi) and
24 (vii) as clauses (viii) and (ix), respectively;

1 (ii) by inserting after clause (v), the
2 following:

3 “(vi) a not-for-profit entity respon-
4 sible for the administration of local trans-
5 portation safety programs;

6 “(vii) a metropolitan planning organi-
7 zation that is not developing the competi-
8 tive process for funding”; and

9 (iii) in clause (viii), as redesignated,
10 by inserting “for an urbanized population
11 of more than 200,000” after “metropolitan
12 planning organization”;

13 (3) in subsection (d), by inserting “available
14 under subsection (c)(1)(B)” after “excess funds”;

15 (4) by striking subsection (e); and

16 (5) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
17 lows:

18 “(g) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State or metropolitan
20 planning organization responsible for carrying out
21 the requirements under this section shall submit an
22 annual report to the Secretary that describes—

23 “(A) the number of project applications re-
24 ceived for each fiscal year, including—

1 “(i) the aggregate cost of the projects
2 for which applications are received; and

3 “(ii) the types of projects to be car-
4 ried out (as described in subsection (b)),
5 expressed as percentages of the State’s
6 total apportionment under subsection (a);
7 and

8 “(B) the number of projects selected for
9 funding for each fiscal year, including the ag-
10 gregate cost and location of projects selected.

11 “(2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary
12 shall make available to the public, in a user-friendly
13 format on the website of the Department, a copy of
14 each annual report submitted under paragraph
15 (1).”.

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