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[Report No. 114-]

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to provide to the appropriate committees of Congress advance notice of certain announcements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

Mr. SHUSTER (for himself and Mr. DEFAZIO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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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. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-**
4 **MENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
6 (b) or as expressly provided in another provision of law,
7 the Secretary of Transportation shall provide to the appro-
8 priate committees of Congress notice of an announcement
9 concerning a covered project at least 3 full business days
10 before the announcement is made by the Department of
11 Transportation.

12 (b) EMERGENCY PROGRAM.—With respect to an allo-
13 cation of funds under section 125 of title 23, United
14 States Code, the Secretary shall provide to the Committee
15 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
16 Representatives and the Committee on Environment and
17 Public Works of the Senate notice of the allocation—

18 (1) at least 3 full business days before the
19 issuance of the allocation; or

20 (2) concurrently with the issuance of the alloca-
21 tion, if the allocation is made using the quick release
22 process of the Department (or any successor proc-
23 ess).

24 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Transportation and
5 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;
6 and

7 (B) the Committee on Environment and
8 Public Works, the Committee on Commerce,
9 Science, and Transportation, and the Com-
10 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
11 of the Senate.

12 (2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered
13 project” means a project competitively selected by
14 the Department of Transportation to receive a dis-
15 cretionary grant award, letter of intent, loan com-
16 mitment, loan guarantee commitment, or line of
17 credit commitment in an amount equal to or greater
18 than \$750,000.

19 (3) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.—The
20 term “Department of Transportation” includes the
21 modal administrations of the Department of Trans-
22 portation.