AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY2021

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Manager's Amendment

In the bill
Page 39, line 12, strike “as authorized in section 6003 of the FAST Act”.

Page 55, line 2, insert “section” between “to” and “120(a)(2)”.

Page 56, line 23, strike “$501,200,000” and insert “$506,200,000”.

Page 57, line 3, strike “$501,200,000” and insert “$506,200,000”.

Page 77, line 18, strike “section” and all that follows through “2021,” on page 77, line 22.

Page 81, line 11, strike “and”.

Page 81, line 13, before the colon, insert “, and of section 5309(i) of title 49, United States Code”.

Page 87, line 3, below the heading “OPERATIONS AND TRAINING” insert “(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)”.

Page 88, line 18, after “determines” insert the following:

: Provided further, That any unobligated balances and obligated balances not yet expended from previous appropriations under this heading for programs and activities supporting State Maritime Academies shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriations for “Maritime Administration—State Maritime Academy Operations” and shall be made available for the same purposes as the appropriations for “Maritime Administration—State Maritime Academy Operations”

Page 113, line 25, strike “$25,739,312,000” and insert “$21,739,312,000”.

Page 208, line 1, before “Amounts” insert “(a)”.

Page 208, after line 8, insert the following new subsection:

(b) Amounts repurposed pursuant to this section that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emergency

Page 266, before the short title, insert the following new section:

Sec. 503. Each amount designated in this Act by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded or transferred, if applicable) only if the President subsequently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

In the report

On page 5, after the paragraph entitled “Contracting”, insert the following new paragraph:

In addition, the Committee encourages Federal Departments and agencies to consider using, to the greatest extent possible, local media in their advertising, including local television, radio broadcast stations, and newspapers. The Committee further directs each Department and agency funded by this Act with annual advertising budgets in excess of $500,000 to include details on expenditures on local media advertising for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 in the report specified in the previous paragraph.

On page 12, after the final paragraph, insert the following:

North-south four-lane highways.—The Committee encourages the Department to work with States on projects to complete north-south four-lane highways, especially in States with no existing north-south four-lane highways in place and where there are significant freight traffic and safety concerns.

Mode-neutral framework.—The Committee is concerned that the Department’s current approach to autonomous systems could result in different regulatory structures and safety or operational standards being imposed on different modes of transportation. The Committee encourages the Department to develop guidelines so that operating administrations can establish safety and operational standards, including for automated systems. Such guidelines could facilitate research, development, and testing of emerging technologies and processes by freight transportation industries.

On page 29, in the fifth sentence of the paragraph entitled “Disease transmission”, insert “policies for social distancing and seating arrangements on aircraft,” after “crewmembers,”.

On page 31, after the paragraph entitled “Unfinished rulemakings”, insert the following:
Airport operating certificate.—The Committee reminds the FAA to adhere to the “Notice of Policy on Evaluating Disputed Changes of Sponsorship at Federally Obligated Airports” published in the Federal Register on June 6, 2016, when presented with a request to change the sponsorship of, and/or operational responsibility for, an airport from one public agency to another public agency.

Land Transfer.—The Committee acknowledges the ongoing dialogue between the FAA and United States Southern Command regarding the potential transfer of Miami-Dade County Folio 35 3028-000-0030, Doral, Florida. The Committee encourages both parties to continue working toward a mutually beneficial agreement, which will allow the FAA to continue to safely monitor U.S. airspace and allow the Department of Defense to provide military housing to our servicemen and women.

On page 32, after the paragraph entitled “Remote towers”, insert the following:

Central Appalachia.—The Committee requests FAA to review the air navigation needs in Central Appalachia and brief the Committee on potential solutions to improve safety no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act.

On page 36, at the end of the paragraph entitled “Emergency preparedness” insert the following:

The Committee recognizes the important role that regional airports play in serving the emergency preparedness needs of rural communities and supports critical infrastructure projects that increase the resilience of airports that are designated to serve rural communities in the event of a natural disaster or emergency.

On page 37, after the paragraph entitled “Sound insulation”, insert the following:

Airport curb traffic management.—The Committee is aware of ongoing data collection efforts by multiple and diverse airports to ensure equitable and data-based treatment for the commercial ground transportation industry. The Committee commends these airports for taking this initiative and believes collecting relevant data points is a reasonable and important first step to understanding the changing dynamics at the curb. The Committee supports more transparency in this regard and encourages continued and enhanced collaboration between our nation’s airports and commercial ground transportation operators.

On page 44, in the second sentence of the paragraph entitled “New Interstate Designations”, strike “corridor” and insert “and Interstate 27 corridors”.

On page 45, after the paragraph entitled “Scenic byways”, insert the following:
Nondestructive inspections.—The Committee recognizes that aging drainage infrastructure can present significant safety concerns to roadways and transportation infrastructure. The Committee urges the Department to test and review new nondestructive technologies that can identify pipes or soil voids behind the pipe wall that could result in catastrophic failure to roadways. Such new nondestructive technologies include technologies that can provide imaging and photographic documentation of defects and which would allow for subsequent targeted repair or replacement, as appropriate.

On page 46, in the paragraph entitled “Tribal transportation programs (TTP)”, strike the last sentence and insert the following:

In recognition of the consolidation of multiple tribal transportation programs, the Committee has included $30,000,000 of additional funding for the Tribal Transportation Program, to encourage the Department to ensure potentially overlooked high priority projects, particularly needed by smaller tribes, be addressed by this program.

On page 47, after the paragraph entitled “Highway-rail grade crossings”, insert the following:

Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems.—Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems are defined as commercially proven digital technologies and processes for management of construction and engineering activities, including systems for infrastructure planning and coordination, construction, maintenance, modernization and management, asset management systems for machines, site equipment, and personnel. Project delivery systems for project management are also included. The Committee intends for software, hardware, services, and employee training on the use and management of Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems to be eligible expenses under this heading.

On page 53, at the end of the third full paragraph, insert:

In addition, the Committee supports safe autonomous vehicle testing on public roads, including by manufacturers of highly automated vehicles, automated driving systems, and components of automated driving systems.

On page 71 in the second to last sentence in the paragraph entitled “Contact centers”, before the period, insert the following:

...maintain such operations with Amtrak employees, and minimize the use of outside vendors to perform telephonic or internet-based customer service support...

On page 86, below the heading “OPERATIONS AND TRAINING” insert “(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)”.
On page 129, after the paragraph entitled “Intergenerational housing”, insert the following:

   Project Rental Assistance properties. — The Committee is aware of the challenges in converting Section 202 Project Rental Assistance properties through the Rental Assistance Demonstration in high cost areas. The Department is directed to brief the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not later than 160 days after enactment of the Act on what changes (and accompanying costs) to the program would enable conversions in these instances.

On page 133, in the first full sentence, strike “Fund.”, and insert:

   Fund (MMI Fund). Further, in its Annual Report to Congress regarding the status of the FHA’s MMI Fund, HUD shall include the number and percent of small dollar mortgages backed by the Federal Housing Administration as compared to the overall mortgage market.

   Manufactured home loans.—The Committee encourages the Department to recognize that the terms and conditions for conventional home financing are not necessarily applicable to mortgages for manufactured home loans in its policy and loan guidance.

On page 140, at the end of the paragraph entitled “IT investment”, insert the following:

   In addition, the Committee urges the Department of Housing and Urban Development to maintain an accurate inventory of Information Technology assets, especially to protect Personally Identifiable Information of Americans.

On page 156, before the header “HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORTING REQUIREMENTS”, insert the following:

   Section 503 specifies conditions for the use of amounts in this Act by Congress for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Control Act of 1985.

On page 157, after the 6th paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

   In title I, under Operations and Training, language is included to transfer unobligated balances and obligated balances not yet expended from previous appropriations to the State Maritime Academy Operations account for programs and activities supporting State Maritime Academies.

On page 182, before the header “APPROPRIATIONS NOT AUTHORIZED BY LAW”, insert the following:
Section 503 specifies conditions for the use of amounts in this Act by Congress for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Control Act of 1985.
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At the end of title IV, insert the following new section:

1 Sec. 4_. (a) For the duration of the national emergency declared by the President under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) related to the pandemic of SARS-CoV-2 or coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), an air carrier operating under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, shall—

(1) require each passenger and cabin crewmember to wear a mask or protective face covering while on board an aircraft of the air carrier;

(2) require each flight crewmember to wear a mask or protective face covering while on board an aircraft but outside the flight deck;

(3) submit to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration a proposal to permit flight crew members of the air carrier to wear a mask or protective face covering while at their stations in the flight deck, including a safety risk assessment with respect to such proposal;
(4) provide flight and cabin crewmembers, airport customer service agents, and other employees whose job responsibilities involve interaction with passengers with masks or protective face coverings, gloves, and hand sanitizer and wipes with sufficient alcohol content;

(5) ensure aircraft, including the cockpit and cabin, operated by such carrier are cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized after each use in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance;

(6) ensure enclosed facilities owned, operated, or used by such air carrier, including facilities used for flight or cabin crewmember training or performance of indoor maintenance, repair, or overhaul work, are cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized frequently in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance;

(7) provide air carrier employees whose job responsibilities involve cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing aircraft or enclosed facilities described in paragraphs (5) and (6) with masks or protective face coverings and gloves, and ensure that each contractor of the air carrier provides employees of such contractor with such materials; and
(8) establish guidelines, or adhere to applicable
guidelines, for notifying employees of a confirmed
COVID–19 diagnosis of an employee of such air car-
rrier and for identifying other air carrier employees
whom such employee contacted in the 48-hour period
before the employee developed symptoms.
(b)(1) IN GENERAL.—For the duration of the na-
tional emergency declared by the President under the Na-
tional Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) related
to the pandemic of SARS–CoV–2 or coronavirus disease
(COVID–19), Amtrak shall—
(A) require each passenger and employee of
Amtrak, including engineers, conductors, and on-
board service workers, to wear a mask or other pro-
teective face covering while onboard an Amtrak train;
(B) take such actions as are reasonable to en-
sure passenger compliance with the requirement
under subparagraph (A);
(C) provide masks or protective face coverings,
gloves, and hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes with
sufficient alcohol content to—
(i) conductors, engineers, and onboard
service workers;
(ii) ticket agents, station agents, and red
cap agents; and
(iii) any other employees whose job responsibilities include interaction with passengers;

(D) ensure Amtrak trains, including the locomotive cab and passenger cars, are cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized frequently in accordance with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and ensure that employees whose job responsibilities include such cleaning, disinfecting, or sanitizing are provided masks or protective face coverings and gloves;

(E) ensure stations and enclosed facilities that Amtrak owns and operates including facilities used for training or the performance of indoor maintenance, repair, or overhaul work, are cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized frequently in accordance with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and ensure that employees whose job responsibilities include such cleaning, disinfecting, or sanitizing are provided masks or protective face coverings and gloves;

(F) take such actions as are reasonable to ensure that stations or facilities served or used by Amtrak that Amtrak does not own are cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized frequently in accordance with
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance;

(G) ensure that each contractor of Amtrak provides masks or protective face coverings and gloves to employees of such contractor whose job responsibilities include those described in subparagraphs (D) and (E); and

(H) establish guidelines, or adhere to existing applicable guidelines, for notifying employees of a confirmed diagnosis of COVID–19 of an employee of Amtrak.

(2) Availability.—If Amtrak is unable to acquire any of the items necessary to comply with subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E) of paragraph (1) due to market unavailability, Amtrak shall—

(A) prepare and make public documentation demonstrating what actions have been taken to acquire such items; and

(B) continue efforts to acquire such items until such items become available.

(c)(1) In General.—For the duration of the national emergency declared by the President under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) related to the pandemic of SARS–CoV–2 or coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19), recipients of funds under section 5307
of title 49, United States Code, that serve an urbanized area with a population of at least 500,000 individuals and that provided a minimum of 20,000,000 unlinked passenger trips in the most recent year for which data is available shall—

(A) require each passenger to wear a mask or protective face covering while on board a public transportation vehicle;

(B) provide masks or protective face coverings, gloves, and hand sanitizer and wipes with sufficient alcohol content to operators, station managers, and other employees or contractors whose job responsibilities include interaction with passengers;

(C) ensure public transportation vehicles operated by such public transportation provider are cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized frequently in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance and ensure that employees or contractors whose job responsibilities involve such cleaning, disinfecting, or sanitizing are provided masks or protective face coverings and gloves;

(D) ensure stations and enclosed facilities owned, operated, or used by such public transportation provider, including facilities used for training or performance of indoor maintenance, repair, or
overhaul work, are cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized frequently in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance and ensure that employees or contractors whose job responsibilities include such cleaning, disinfecting, or sanitizing are provided masks or other protective face coverings and gloves; and

(E) establish guidelines, or adhere to applicable guidelines, for notifying employees of a confirmed COVID–19 diagnosis of an employee of such public transportation provider.

(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—The implementation of the requirement under paragraph (1)(A) shall be carried out in a manner determined by the provider of public transportation.

(3) AVAILABILITY.—If a provider of public transportation is unable to acquire a subparagraphs (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (1) due to market unavailability, such provider shall—

(A) prepare and make public documentation demonstrating what actions have been taken to acquire such items; and

(B) continue efforts to acquire such items until they become available.
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Page 208, after line 8, insert the following new subsections (and redesignate the succeeding subsection accordingly):

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case of any grantee of funds referred to in subsection (a) of this section that provides assistance that duplicates benefits available to a person for the same purpose from another source, the grantee itself shall—

(1) be subject to remedies for noncompliance; or

(2) bear responsibility for absorbing such cost of duplicative benefits and returning an amount equal to any duplicative benefits paid to the grantee’s funds available for use under such heading, unless the Secretary, upon the request of a grantee issues a public determination by publication in the Federal Register that it is not in the best interest of the Federal Government to pursue such remedies.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any grantee of funds referred to in subsection (a) of this sec-
tion may request a waiver from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of any recoupment by the Secretary of such funds for amounts owed by persons who have received such assistance from such funds and who have been defrauded, or after receiving assistance, have filed for bankruptcy, gone through a foreclosure procedure on property that received such assistance, or are deceased. If the grantee self-certifies to the Secretary in such request that it has verified that the individual conditions of each person it is requesting a waiver for meets one of the conditions specified in the preceding sentence, the Secretary may grant such waivers on the basis of grantee self-certification, issue a public determination by publication in the Federal Register that it is not in the best interest of the Federal Government to pursue such recoupment, and may conduct oversight to verify grantee self-certification and subject the grantee to remedies for noncompliance for any amounts that have not met such requirements.