

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Section 110 allows no more than 600 technical staff-years at the Center for Advanced Aviation Systems Development.

Section 111 prohibits funds for adopting guidelines or regulations requiring airport sponsors to provide FAA "without cost" building construction or space.

Section 112 allows the FAA to be reimbursed for amounts made available for 49 U.S.C. 41742(a)(1) as fees are collected and credited under 49 U.S.C. 45303.

Section 113 allows reimbursement of funds for providing technical assistance to foreign aviation authorities to be credited to the operations account.

Section 114 prohibits funds from being used to change weight restrictions or prior permission rules at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey.

Section 115 prohibits funds from being used to promulgate regulations that allow the Secretary of Transportation to auction air slots, impose congestion pricing at an airport, exact an air slot from a carrier, charge a fee for the right to use a specified portion of airspace, or establish policies that would encourage an airport to undertake such actions.

Section 116 prohibits funds limited in this Act for the Airport Improvement Program to be provided to an airport that refuses a request from the Secretary of Transportation to use public space at the airport for the purpose of conducting outreach on air passenger rights.

Section 117 requires the FAA Administrator to respond to the Committees on Appropriations and Commerce, Science and Transportation in writing within 60 days of the publication of any Government Accountability Office report on airspace redesign over the New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia region on the actions the agency intends to take in order to address any concerns or recommendations contained in the GAO report.

Section 118 allows all airports experiencing the required level of boardings through charter and scheduled air service to be eligible for funds under 49 U.S.C. 47114 (c).

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The bill limits obligations for administrative expenses of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to \$390,000,000, which is \$4,880,000 less than the budget request and \$12,444,000 more than the fiscal year 2008 enacted level. The bill also includes language to make \$3,524,000 in contract authority above this limitation available to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to conduct audits and investigations related to the FHWA and \$300,000 in contract authority above this limitation for the OIG's annual audit of the FHWA's financial statements. In addition, \$3,124,000 in contract authority above this limitation is made available for the administrative expenses of the Appalachian Regional Commission in accordance with section 104 of title 23, United States Code.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

The bill limits obligations for the federal-aid highways program to \$40,700,000,000 in fiscal year 2009, which is \$1,301,271,774 more than the budget request and \$483,948,641 more than the fiscal year 2008 enacted level for the regular federal-aid highways program.

The bill also includes language which allows the Secretary to charge and collect fees from the applicant for a direct loan, guaranteed loan, or line of credit to cover the cost of the financial and legal analyses performed on behalf of the Department as authorized under section 605(b) of title 23, United States Code. The fees so collected are not subject to any obligation limitation or the limitation on administrative expenses set for the infrastructure finance program under section 608 of title 23, United States Code.

Bridges.—The FHWA is directed to complete its initiatives to use a more risk-based, datadriven approach to its bridge oversight, take steps to address holes in the bridge oversight process, and achieve results from its efforts. Furthermore, the FHWA is directed move forward with this process expeditiously and to provide semi-annual updates to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the agency's progress toward improving its oversight of bridge safety.

Interstate cost estimate.—The FHWA is directed to work with the appropriate State and local parties to expeditiously award funds that still remain available to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for an Interstate substitution project authorized by section 1045 of Public Law 102-240, as amended, and for which a resolution regarding the disposition of these funds has been proposed allotting forty percent of the funds for Milwaukee County to purchase energy efficient buses and sixty percent for the downtown Milwaukee fixed rail circulator.

LIMITATION ON TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH

The bill includes a general limitation on transportation research of \$429,800,000, as requested. Within this level, the bill includes funding for the following activities:

Surface transportation research.....	\$196,400,000
Training and education program.....	26,700,000
Bureau of Transportation Statistics.....	27,000,000
University transportation research.....	69,700,000
Intelligent transportation systems research.....	110,000,000
Total.....	\$429,800,000

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS).—Under the obligation limitation of the FHWA and within the sublimitation for transportation research, the amended bill provides \$27,000,000 for BTS. Additional information regarding BTS is included in the Research and Innovative Technology Administration section of this statement.

FERRY BOATS AND FERRY TERMINAL FACILITIES

Within the funds available for ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities, funds are to be available for the following projects and activities as listed in the table below:

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TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY, AND SYSTEM PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Within the funds made available for the transportation, community and system preservation program, funds are to be distributed to the following projects and activities as listed in the table below:

~~insert TCSP table~~ — (insert 18C-P)

FEDERAL LANDS

Within the funds available for the federal lands program, funds are to be available for the following projects and activities as listed in the table below:

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The FHWA is directed that the funds allocated above shall be derived from the agency's public lands discretionary program and not from funds allocated to the National Park Service's regions or from funds allocated to the Fish and Wildlife Service's regions.