

# BASICS Act

Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act  
H.R. 7437



## The BASICS Act is for All Communities, Rural and Urban

Provides counties, rural planning organizations, and local governments with more access to critical transportation safety and infrastructure funding.



### Goal

Create a federal transportation system that reflects reality – aligning local responsibility with a fair share of federal transportation funding.

**68%**  
of roads are in rural areas

**43%**  
of traffic fatalities occur on rural roads

**48%**  
of truck traffic travels on rural roads

**\$198 billion**  
needed for rural road and bridge repair



### Safety and Flexible Funding

- **Increases** Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funding
- **Increases** Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Funding with 25% suballocation
- **Increases Local and State Funding by \$5 billion**



### Fund Critical Bridge Infrastructure

- **Establishes** the IJA Bridge Improvement Program as a core formula program
- **Allocates** \$5.5 billion annually for bridge infrastructure
- **Suballocates 25% of funding to locals and regions**



### Enhancing State and Local Partnerships

- **Enhances** project selection and consultation requirements for better state and rural regional coordination
- **Encourages** state collaboration with locals when obligating federal transportation funding



### Funds Rural Planning

- **Dedicates** funding to rural/regional transportation planning organizations (RTPOs)
- **Provides** RTPOs with a 100% federal cost share for planning activities
- Access to **\$300,000 annually for designated RTPOs**



### Delivers Projects

- **Expands** planning capacity for rural and urban areas
- **Balances** transportation responsibilities with a fair share of federal transportation funding
- **Ensures** that rural and urban regions have a say in where funding goes

## Providing Results For Regions Nationwide

- Locals currently plan for, own, and operate over 75% of US road miles, but receive less than 16% of federal transportation funding
- **Dedicated formula funding, greater cooperation, better capacity building, and better project selection requirements deliver safe and reliable infrastructure**

**75%**

roads owned locally

**16%**

federal funding