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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a national intersection and interchange safety construction program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. EMMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Intersection
5 and Interchange Safety Construction Program Act of
6 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL INTERSECTION AND INTERCHANGE**
2 **SAFETY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
5 portation shall establish a national intersection and inter-
6 change safety construction program (in this section re-
7 ferred to as the “Program”) to assist safety improvements
8 for high-risk intersections and interchanges.

9 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Pro-
11 gram, the Secretary may make a grant to a covered
12 entity in accordance with this section.

13 (2) COMPETITIVE BASIS.—The Secretary shall
14 award grants under the Program on a competitive
15 basis.

16 (c) PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may
17 only make a grant under the Program to assist a project
18 that—

19 (1) is eligible for funding under title 23, United
20 States Code; and

21 (2) will improve the safety of an intersection or
22 interchange that is—

23 (A) on the National Highway System;

24 (B) used by an average of 50,000 vehicles
25 a day; and

1 (C) in immediate need of improvement
2 with respect to safety.

3 (d) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under
4 the Program, a covered entity shall submit to the Sec-
5 retary an application in such form, at such time, and con-
6 taining such information as the Secretary determines is
7 appropriate.

8 (e) LIMITATION.—The aggregate amount provided to
9 a covered entity in a fiscal year through grants under the
10 Program may not exceed 5 percent of the amount made
11 available for all grants under the Program in that fiscal
12 year.

13 (f) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.—At least 90 days be-
14 fore establishing the Program under subsection (a), the
15 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report detailing the
16 selection process the Secretary shall use in making grants
17 under the Program.

18 (g) COVERED ENTITY DEFINED.—In this section, the
19 term “covered entity” means each of the following:

- 20 (1) A State government entity.
- 21 (2) A local government entity.
- 22 (3) A territory of the United States.
- 23 (4) A tribal government.
- 24 (5) A metropolitan planning organization.

1 (6) Any entity composed of 2 or more entities
2 described in paragraphs (1) through (5).

3 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
5 appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund (other
6 than the Mass Transit Account) to carry out the
7 Program \$250,000,000 each fiscal year.

8 (2) APPLICABILITY OF TITLE 23, UNITED
9 STATES CODE.—Funds authorized to be appro-
10 priated by paragraph (1) shall—

11 (A) be available for obligation in the same
12 manner as if those funds were apportioned
13 under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code,
14 except that the Federal share of the cost of a
15 project or activity carried out using those funds
16 shall be 80 percent; and

17 (B) remain available until expended and
18 not be transferable.