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H. R. 5503

To amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Director of the National Park Service to prioritize certain funds for high-commuter corridors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. RASKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “The Commuter Park-
5 way Safety and Reliability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRIORITIZATION.**

7 Section 203(a) of title 23, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(6) PRIORITIZATION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the
2 National Park Service shall prioritize the funds
3 made available under the Federal lands trans-
4 portation program for high-commuter corridors.

5 “(B) TRANSFER FOR HIGH-COMMUTER
6 CORRIDORS.—

7 “(i) REQUEST.—If the Director deter-
8 mines that a high-commuter corridor re-
9 quires additional investment, based on the
10 criteria described in clause (iv), the Direc-
11 tor, with respect to such corridor, shall
12 submit to the State—

13 “(I) information on condition of
14 pavements and bridges;

15 “(II) an estimate of the amounts
16 needed to bring such corridor into a
17 state of good repair, taking into con-
18 sideration any planned future invest-
19 ments; and

20 “(III) at the discretion of the Di-
21 rector, a request that the State trans-
22 fer to the National Park Service,
23 under the authority of section 132, or
24 to the Federal Highway Administra-
25 tion, under the authority of section

1 104, a portion of such amounts nec-
2 essary to address the condition of the
3 corridor.

4 “(ii) STATE RESPONSE.—Not later
5 than 45 days after the date of receipt of
6 the request described in clause (i)(III), the
7 State shall—

8 “(I) approve the request;

9 “(II) deny the request and ex-
10 plain the reasons for such denial; or

11 “(III) request any additional in-
12 formation necessary to take action on
13 the request.

14 “(iii) NOTIFICATION TO THE SEC-
15 RETARY.—The Director shall provide to
16 the Secretary of Transportation a copy of
17 any request or response described under
18 clauses (i)(III) and (ii).

19 “(iv) CRITERIA.—In making a deter-
20 mination under clause (i), the Director,
21 with respect to the corridor, shall con-
22 sider—

23 “(I) the condition of roads,
24 bridges, and tunnels; and

1 “(II) the average annual daily
2 traffic.

3 “(C) HIGH-COMMUTER CORRIDOR DE-
4 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘high-com-
5 muter corridor’ means a Federal lands trans-
6 portation facility administered by the National
7 Park Service that has average annual daily
8 traffic of not less than 20,000 vehicles.”.

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