

term under section 101(a) of title 23, United States Code [section 101(a) of this title does not define the term].”

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT DEPLOYMENT OF INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Pub. L. 109-59, title VI, § 6010, Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1877, provided that:

“(a) **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS.**—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act [Aug. 10, 2005], the Secretary [of Transportation] shall initiate a rulemaking process to establish, to the extent appropriate, categorical exclusions for activities that support the deployment of intelligent transportation infrastructure and systems from the requirement that an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement be prepared under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) in compliance with the standards for categorical exclusions established by that Act [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.].

“(b) **NATIONWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT.**—

“(1) **DEVELOPMENT.**—The Secretary [of Transportation] shall develop a nationwide programmatic agreement governing the review of activities that support the deployment of intelligent transportation infrastructure and systems in accordance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act ([former] 16 U.S.C. 470f) [see 54 U.S.C. 306108] and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

“(2) **CONSULTATION.**—The Secretary shall develop the agreement under paragraph (1) in consultation with the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation established under title II of the National Historic Preservation Act (26 [sic] U.S.C. 470i et seq. [former 16 U.S.C. 470i et seq., see 54 U.S.C. 304101 et seq.]) and after soliciting the views of other interested parties.

“(c) **INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS DEFINED.**—In this section, the term ‘intelligent transportation infrastructure and systems’ means intelligent transportation infrastructure and intelligent transportation systems, as such terms are defined in subtitle C of title V of this Act [subtitle C (§§ 5301-5310) of title V of Pub. L. 109-59, enacting this section and section 513 of this title and provisions set out as a note above].”

§ 513. Use of funds for ITS activities

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—The term “eligible entity” means a State or local government, tribal government, transit agency, public toll authority, metropolitan planning organization, other political subdivision of a State or local government, or a multistate or multijurisdictional group applying through a single lead applicant.

(2) **MULTIJURISDICTIONAL GROUP.**—The term “multijurisdictional group” means a combination of State governments, local governments, metropolitan planning agencies, transit agencies, or other political subdivisions of a State that—

(A) have signed a written agreement to implement an activity that meets the grant criteria under this section; and

(B) is comprised of at least 2 members, each of whom is an eligible entity.

(b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to develop, administer, communicate, and promote the use of products of research, technology, and technology transfer programs.

(c) **ITS ADOPTION.**—

(1) **INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND STRATEGIES.**—The Secretary shall encourage the deployment of ITS technologies that will improve the performance of the National Highway System in such areas as traffic operations, emergency response, incident management, surface transportation network management, freight management, traffic flow information, and congestion management by accelerating the adoption of innovative technologies through the use of—

(A) demonstration programs;

(B) grant funding;

(C) incentives to eligible entities; and

(D) other tools, strategies, or methods that will result in the deployment of innovative ITS technologies.

(2) **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**—To carry out this section, the Secretary shall develop a detailed and comprehensive plan that addresses the manner in which incentives may be adopted, as appropriate, through the existing deployment activities carried out by surface transportation modal administrations.

(Added Pub. L. 109-59, title V, § 5302(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1805; amended Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title III, § 53001, July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 897.)

AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112-141 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows:

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—For each fiscal year, not more than \$250,000 of the funds made available to carry out this subtitle C of title V of the SAFETEA-LU shall be used for intelligent transportation system outreach, public relations, displays, tours, and brochures.

“(b) **APPLICABILITY.**—Subsection (a) shall not apply to intelligent transportation system training, scholarships, or the publication or distribution of research findings, technical guidance, or similar documents.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-141 effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

§ 514. Goals and purposes

(a) **GOALS.**—The goals of the intelligent transportation system program include—

(1) enhancement of surface transportation efficiency and facilitation of intermodalism and international trade to enable existing facilities to meet a significant portion of future transportation needs, including public access to employment, goods, and services and to reduce regulatory, financial, and other transaction costs to public agencies and system users;

(2) achievement of national transportation safety goals, including enhancement of safe operation of motor vehicles and nonmotorized vehicles and improved emergency response to collisions, with particular emphasis on decreasing the number and severity of collisions;

(3) protection and enhancement of the natural environment and communities affected by surface transportation, with particular emphasis on assisting State and local governments to achieve national environmental goals;