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Purpose: To require State transportation departments and metropolitan planning organizations that serve a population of 200,000 or more to report on the ways in which Federal taxpayer dollars allocated under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users are expected to lower demand for gasoline and diesel fuels and reduce transportation costs for families, and to require those departments and organizations to include in transportation improvement programs information relating to air quality, fuel savings, and transportation options.


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To reduce our Nation’s dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. CARPER) to the amendment (No. ___) proposed by Mr. REID

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1     At the end of subtitle B of title I, add the following:
SEC. 131. REPORT ON USE OF FUNDS TO REDUCE OIL AND FUEL CONSUMPTION.

(a) Report; Incorporation of Information Into Plans.—

(1) Report.—Not later than December 1, 2008, each State and metropolitan planning organization that serves a population of 200,000 or more shall make available to the public, using the Internet and other means commonly used to inform the public, a report that describes—

(A) the ways in which the planned use of Federal funds made available under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109–59), and title 23, United States Code, to the State or metropolitan planning organization for the preceding fiscal year, including any documentation or materials assembled in the project development process on anticipated fuel and cost savings benefits, will—

(i) reduce the demand for gasoline and diesel fuels; and

(ii) lower household transportation expenditures; and

(B)(i) the number of residences, jobs, and shopping venues within the State or metropoli-
tan area, as applicable, that are located within
$\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile of any transit or intercity rail
transportation station or stop; and

(ii) with respect to transit and intercity
rail stations and stops described in clause (i)—

(I) the frequency of transit or inter-

(II) a description of whether the tran-
sit and intercity rail stations and stops are
safely accessible by pedestrians.

(2) INCORPORATION OF INFORMATION INTO
PLANS.—For fiscal year 2009 and each fiscal year
thereafter, each State and metropolitan planning or-
organization described in paragraph (1) shall consider
and include in any update or revision of the trans-
portation improvement program of the State or met-
ropolitan planning organization the information re-
quired to be included in the report submitted under
paragraph (1).

(b) INFORMATION, DATA, AND TECHNICAL ASSIST-
ANCE.—The Secretary, with assistance from the Bureau
of Transportation Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics,
and other Federal agencies, shall provide to States and
metropolitan planning organizations any information,
data, and technical assistance that would assist the States
and metropolitan planning organizations in preparing the report under subsection (a)(1).

(c) REPORT ON FUEL SAVINGS.—Not later than July 1, 2009, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that describes any cumulative savings in fuel, the most effective fuel savings measures, and any other benefits identified by the States and metropolitan planning organizations, from the use of Federal funds made available under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109–59) during each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009.