

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6
OFFERED BY MR. BLUMENAUER OF OREGON

In title VII, subtitle D, after section 754, insert the following new section (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 755. CONSERVE BY BICYCLING PROGRAM.**

2 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

3 (1) **PROGRAM.**—The term “program” means
4 the Conserve by Bicycling Program established by
5 subsection (b).

6 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Transportation.

8 (b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established within
9 the Department of Transportation a program to be known
10 as the “Conserve by Bicycling Program”.

11 (c) **PROJECTS.**—

12 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—In carrying out the program,
13 the Secretary shall establish not more than 10 pilot
14 projects that are—

15 (A) dispersed geographically throughout
16 the United States; and



1 (B) designed to conserve energy resources
2 by encouraging the use of bicycles in place of
3 motor vehicles.

4 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—A pilot project described
5 in paragraph (1) shall—

6 (A) use education and marketing to con-
7 vert motor vehicle trips to bicycle trips;

8 (B) document project results and energy
9 savings (in estimated units of energy con-
10 served);

11 (C) facilitate partnerships among inter-
12 ested parties in at least 2 of the fields of—

13 (i) transportation;

14 (ii) law enforcement;

15 (iii) education;

16 (iv) public health;

17 (v) environment; and

18 (vi) energy;

19 (D) maximize bicycle facility investments;

20 (E) demonstrate methods that may be
21 used in other regions of the United States; and

22 (F) facilitate the continuation of ongoing
23 programs that are sustained by local resources.



1 (3) COST SHARING.—At least 20 percent of the
2 cost of each pilot project described in paragraph (1)
3 shall be provided from State or local sources.

4 (d) ENERGY AND BICYCLING RESEARCH STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 shall enter into a contract with the National Acad-
8 emy of Sciences for, and the National Academy of
9 Sciences shall conduct and submit to Congress a re-
10 port on, a study on the feasibility of converting
11 motor vehicle trips to bicycle trips.

12 (2) COMPONENTS.—The study shall—

13 (A) document the results or progress of
14 the pilot projects under subsection (c);

15 (B) determine the type and duration of
16 motor vehicle trips that people in the United
17 States may feasibly make by bicycle, taking into
18 consideration factors such as—

19 (i) weather;

20 (ii) land use and traffic patterns;

21 (iii) the carrying capacity of bicycles;

22 and

23 (iv) bicycle infrastructure;



1 (C) determine any energy savings that
2 would result from the conversion of motor vehi-
3 cle trips to bicycle trips;

4 (D) include a cost-benefit analysis of bicy-
5 cle infrastructure investments; and

6 (E) include a description of any factors
7 that would encourage more motor vehicle trips
8 to be replaced with bicycle trips.

9 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
11 \$6,200,000, to remain available until expended, of
12 which—

13 (1) \$5,150,000 shall be used to carry out pilot
14 projects described in subsection (c);

15 (2) \$300,000 shall be used by the Secretary to
16 coordinate, publicize, and disseminate the results of
17 the program; and

18 (3) \$750,000 shall be used to carry out sub-
19 section (d).

