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H.B. No. 5413

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to utilization of certain highways designated by metropolitan planning organizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 472, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 472.0355 to read as follows:

Sec. 472.0355. DESIGNATION OF METROPOLITAN LANE. (a) By a majority vote of the policy board, a metropolitan planning organization may designate up to 10 percent of the lane miles of public highways located within the territorial boundaries of the organization as metropolitan lanes.

(b) On the designation of a metropolitan lane, a governmental entity of this state, with the approval of the governing body having primary jurisdiction over the metropolitan lane, may implement on the metropolitan lane a project that:

(1) uses transit priority lanes or high occupancy vehicle lanes or otherwise increases the highway's capacity to transport people by public transportation, rail, or high-speed rail; or

(2) optimizes the highway for pedestrians, cyclists, users of personal mobility devices, or other low-mass, low-speed road users.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.