

provements in countries that are not members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, as of December 18, 1991, and in Greece and Turkey; and

(6) gathering and disseminating information on foreign transportation markets and industries.

(c) COOPERATION.—The Secretary may carry out this section in cooperation with any appropriate Federal agency, State or local agency, authority, association, institution, corporation (profit or nonprofit), foreign government, multinational institution, or other organization or person.

(d) FUNDS.—

(1) CONTRIBUTIONS.—Funds available to carry out this section shall include funds deposited by any cooperating organization or person into a special account of the Treasury established for this purpose.

(2) ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS.—The funds deposited into the account and other funds available to carry out this section shall be available to cover the cost of any activity eligible under this section, including the cost of promotional materials, travel, reception and representation expenses, and salaries and benefits.

(3) REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS.—Reimbursements for salaries and benefits of Department of Transportation employees providing services under this section shall be credited to the account.

(e) ELIGIBLE USE OF STATE PLANNING AND RESEARCH FUNDS.—A State, in coordination with the Secretary, may obligate funds made available to carry out section 505 for any activity authorized under subsection (a).

(Added Pub. L. 105-178, title V, §5106, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 433.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 506, added Pub. L. 90-495, §30, Aug. 23, 1968, 82 Stat. 832; amended Pub. L. 91-605, title I, §137, Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1735, related to replacement housing, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 91-646, title II, §220(a)(10), Jan. 2, 1971, 84 Stat. 1903.

§ 507. Surface transportation-environment cooperative research program

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish and carry out a surface transportation-environment cooperative research program.

(b) CONTENTS.—The program to be carried out under this section shall include research designed—

(1) to develop more accurate models for evaluating transportation control measures and transportation system designs that are appropriate for use by State and local governments, including metropolitan planning organizations, in designing implementation plans to meet Federal, State, and local environmental requirements;

(2) to improve understanding of the factors that contribute to the demand for transportation, including transportation system design, demographic change, land use planning, and communications and other information technologies;

(3) to develop indicators of economic, social, and environmental performance of transportation systems to facilitate analysis of potential alternatives;

(4) to study the relationship between highway density and ecosystem integrity, including the impacts of highway density on habitat integrity and overall ecosystem health, and develop a rapid assessment methodology for use by transportation and regulatory agencies in determining the relationship between highway density and ecosystem integrity; and

(5) to meet additional priorities as determined by the advisory board established under subsection (c), including recommendations of the National Research Council in the report entitled “Environmental Research Needs in Transportation”.

(c) ADVISORY BOARD.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—In consultation with the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the heads of other appropriate Federal departments and agencies, the Secretary shall establish an advisory board to recommend environmental and energy conservation research, technology, and technology transfer activities related to surface transportation.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The advisory board shall include—

(A) representatives of State transportation and environmental agencies;

(B) transportation and environmental scientists and engineers; and

(C) representatives of metropolitan planning organizations, transit operating agencies, and environmental organizations.

(d) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.—The Secretary may make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the National Academy of Sciences to carry out such activities relating to the research, technology, and technology transfer activities described in subsection (b) as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(Added Pub. L. 105-178, title V, §5107, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 434.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 507, added Pub. L. 90-495, §30, Aug. 23, 1968, 82 Stat. 832, related to expenses incidental to transfer of property, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 91-646, title II, §220(a)(10), Jan. 2, 1971, 84 Stat. 1903.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY BOARDS

Advisory boards established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a board established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such board is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a board established by Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See sections 3(2) and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 508. Surface transportation research strategic planning

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

(1) establish a strategic planning process, consistent with section 306 of title 5 for the