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#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends a funding level of \$9,140,900 for the Office of Civil Rights for fiscal year 2008. The recommendation is identical to the budget request and is \$613,900 more than the fiscal year 2007 enacted level.

#### TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

Appropriations, 2007 .....	\$14,893,000
Budget estimate, 2008 .....	9,115,000
Committee recommendation .....	14,115,000

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Office of the Secretary performs those research activities and studies which can more effectively or appropriately be conducted at the departmental level. This research effort supports the planning, research and development activities needed to assist the Secretary in the formulation of national transportation policies. The program is carried out primarily through contracts with other Federal agencies, educational institutions, nonprofit research organizations, and private firms.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$14,115,000 for transportation planning, research, and development, which is \$5,000,000 more than the budget request and \$778,000 less than the fiscal year 2007 enacted level. The Committee directs funding to be allocated to the following projects that are listed below:

#### TPR&D

Project name	Committee recommendation	Requested by
Virtual Accident and Injury Reconstruction Center, Mississippi State University, Mississippi	\$2,250,000	Cochran
UVM Advanced Ground Penetrating Radar Systems, Vermont	1,000,000	Leahy
Transportation and Public Safety Traffic Information Exchange Pilot Project, Delaware	500,000	Carper/Biden
SR-520 Innovative Water Quality Protection Project, Washington	500,000	Murray/Cantwell
Inland Pacific Hub Analysis Project, Washington	250,000	Murray
Washington State University Freight Transportation Policy Institute, Washington	500,000	Murray

#### WORKING CAPITAL FUND

Limitation, 2007 .....	\$118,014,000
Budget estimate, 2008 <sup>1</sup> .....	
Committee recommendation .....	128,094,000

<sup>1</sup> Proposed without limitation.

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Working Capital Fund [WCF] provides common administrative services to the Department's operating administrations and other Federal entities. The services are centrally performed in the interest of economy and efficiency and are funded through nego-