

# SENATE, No. 293

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator NICHOLAS ASSELTA**

**District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Directs DOT Commissioner to allocate Transportation Trust Fund monies for concept development and design of Route 55 extension.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning expenditures from the revenues and other funds  
2 of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. From funds authorized by the Legislature to be appropriated  
8 from the revenues and other funds of the New Jersey Transportation  
9 Trust Fund Authority for the Fiscal Year 2003 transportation capital  
10 construction program, the Commissioner of Transportation shall  
11 allocate and transfer \$8,000,000 from a part of any item or items to  
12 a new item for the concept development and design of the extension  
13 of State Highway Route No. 55 from its current terminus in  
14 Cumberland County to a connection with the Garden State Parkway  
15 in Cape May County to be determined through concept  
16 development.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill directs the Commissioner of Transportation to allocate,  
24 from the revenues and other funds of the New Jersey Transportation  
25 Trust Fund Authority authorized by the Legislature to be  
26 appropriated for the Fiscal Year 2003 transportation capital  
27 construction program, \$8 million for the concept development and  
28 design of an extension of State Highway Route No. 55 from its  
29 current terminus in Cumberland County to a connection with the  
30 Garden State Parkway in Cape May County. The Department of  
31 Transportation will utilize the "Shore Connection Committee  
32 Report, Route 55/47 Corridor Transportation Study," dated  
33 November 1998 and prepared for the South Jersey Transportation  
34 Planning Organization (SJTPO) as a reference for the completion  
35 and solution to increase safety and improve traffic flow. The  
36 completion of Route 55 has been identified by the SJTPO as its  
37 number one priority for the region. The SJTPO Regional  
38 Transportation Plan for the Route 55/47 corridor reads: "Interim  
39 improvement concepts under development, such as signalized  
40 intersection upgrades and the first phase of a motorist information  
41 system, may provide some mitigation of the short range needs, but a  
42 long term solution to this growing regional problem must be  
43 advanced."