

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 54

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2018

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Joint Resolution No. 54.

As amended and reported, this joint resolution establishes a seven member “New Jersey Transit Alternative Revenue Task Force” (task force) to study and make findings and recommendations concerning all potential opportunities for the New Jersey Transit Corporation (corporation) to generate new revenue without increasing fares, including, but not limited to: real estate holdings; advertising on the corporation’s motorbuses, rail cars, and light rail vehicles and at and around the corporation’s bus, rail, and light rail stations and terminals; development opportunities at and around the corporation’s bus, rail, and light rail stations and terminals; and other revenue generating services that may be provided on the corporation’s motorbuses, rail cars, and light rail vehicles and at the corporation’s bus, rail, and light rail stations and terminals.

The task force is to prepare and submit a report containing its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature and is to expire upon submission of the report.

The committee amended the joint resolution to add two members to the task force to be appointed by the Governor. One of the members is to have expertise and experience in public motorbus service and one of the members is to have expertise and experience in paratransit service. The committee also amended the joint resolution to require that a report containing the findings and recommendations of the task force be prepared and submitted within six months, rather than one year, following the organizational meeting of the task force.