

ASSEMBLY, No. 2740

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation and amending P.L.1984, c.73.

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

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6 1. Section 3 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-3) is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 3. The following words or terms as used in this act shall have the
9 following meaning unless a different meaning clearly appears from the
10 context:

11 a. "Act" means this New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund
12 Authority Act of 1984.

13 b. "Authority" means the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund
14 Authority created by section 4 of this act.

15 c. "Bonds" means bonds issued by the authority pursuant to the
16 act.

17 d. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Transportation.

18 e. "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

19 f. "Federal aid highway" means any highway within the State in
20 connection with which the State receives payment or reimbursement
21 from the federal government under the terms of Title 23, United States
22 Code or any amendment, successor, or replacement thereof, for the
23 purposes contained in the act.

24 g. "Federal government" means the United States of America, and
25 any officer, department, board, commission, bureau, division,
26 corporation, agency or instrumentality thereof.

27 h. "South Jersey Transportation Authority" means the public
28 corporation created by section 4 of P.L.1991, c.252 (C.27:25A-4) or
29 its successor.

30 i. "New Jersey Highway Authority" means the public corporation
31 created by section 4 of P.L.1952, c.16 (C.27:12B-4) or its successor.

32 j. "New Jersey Turnpike Authority" means the public corporation
33 created by section 3 of P.L.1948, c.454 (C.27:23-3) or its successor.

34 k. "Notes" means the notes issued by the authority pursuant to the

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 act.

2 1. "Public highways" means public roads, streets, expressways,
3 freeways, parkways, motorways and boulevards, including bridges,
4 tunnels, overpasses, underpasses, interchanges, rest areas, express bus
5 roadways, bus pullouts and turnarounds, park-ride facilities, traffic
6 circles, grade separations, traffic control devices, the elimination or
7 improvement of crossings of railroads and highways, whether at grade
8 or not at grade, and any facilities, equipment, property, rights of way,
9 easements and interests therein needed for the construction,
10 improvement and maintenance of highways.

11 m. "Public transportation project" means, in connection with public
12 transportation service, passenger stations, shelters and terminals,
13 automobile parking facilities, ramps, track connections, signal systems,
14 power systems, information and communication systems, roadbeds,
15 transit lanes or rights of way, equipment storage and servicing
16 facilities, bridges, grade crossings, rail cars, locomotives, motorbuses
17 and other motor vehicles, maintenance and garage facilities, revenue
18 handling equipment and any other equipment, facility or property
19 useful for or related to the provision of public transportation service.

20 n. "State agency" means any officers, department, board,
21 commission, bureau, division, agency or instrumentality of the State.

22 o. "Toll road authorities" means and includes the New Jersey
23 Turnpike Authority, the New Jersey Highway Authority and the South
24 Jersey Transportation Authority.

25 p. "Transportation project" means, in addition to public highways
26 and public transportation projects, any equipment, facility or property
27 useful or related to the provision of any ground, waterborne or air
28 transportation for the movement of people and goods.

29 q. "Transportation system" means public highways, public
30 transportation projects, other transportation projects, and all other
31 methods of transportation for the movement of people and goods.

32 r. "Maintenance" means, in relation to public transportation
33 projects, direct costs of work necessary for preserving or maintaining
34 the useful life of public transportation projects, provided the work
35 performed is associated with the acquisition, installation and
36 rehabilitation of components which are not included in the normal
37 operating maintenance of equipment and facilities or replaced on a
38 scheduled basis. The work shall ensure the useful life of the project
39 for not less than four years and shall not include routine maintenance
40 or inspection of equipment and facilities that is conducted on a
41 scheduled basis. This definition shall not apply to the term
42 "maintenance" as used in subsection l. of this section.

43 s. "Circle of Mobility" means an essential group of related transit
44 projects that include (1) the New Jersey Urban Core Project, as
45 defined in section 3031 of the "Intermodal Surface Transportation
46 Efficiency Act of 1991," Pub.L.102-240, and consisting of the

1 following elements: Secaucus Transfer, Kearny Connection,
2 Waterfront Connection, Northeast Corridor Signal System, Hudson
3 River Waterfront Transportation System, Newark-Newark
4 International Airport-Elizabeth Transit Link, a rail connection between
5 Penn Station Newark and Broad Street Station, Newark, New York
6 Penn Station Concourse, and the equipment needed to operate revenue
7 service associated with improvements made by the project, and (2) the
8 modification and reconstruction of the West Shore Line in Bergen
9 County connected to Allied Junction/Secaucus Transfer Meadowlands
10 Rail Center; the construction of a rail station and associated
11 components at the Meadowlands Sports Complex; the modification
12 and reconstruction of the Susquehanna and Western Railway, as
13 defined and provided in section 3035 (a) of the "Intermodal Surface
14 Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991"; [and] the modification and
15 reconstruction of the Lackawanna Cutoff Commuter Rail Line
16 connecting Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties to the North Jersey
17 Transportation Rail Centers; and commuter rail service in the central
18 New Jersey region terminating at the proposed Lakewood
19 Transportation Center in Ocean County or other location, as
20 determined by the Board of the New Jersey Transit Corporation,
21 pursuant to a resolution of the board providing for the achievement of
22 a consensus among the interested parties as to the direction of the
23 proposed rail line; provided, however, that this 1997 amendatory act
24 shall not be construed as affecting any priorities which may have been
25 assigned to any other project in the Circle of Mobility.

26 (cf: P.L.1995, c.108, s.1)

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill adds to the definition of the "Circle of Mobility" commuter
34 rail service in the central New Jersey region terminating at the
35 proposed Lakewood Transportation Center in Ocean County or other
36 location, as determined by the Board of the New Jersey Transit
37 Corporation, pursuant to a resolution of the board providing for the
38 achievement of a consensus among the interested parties as to the
39 direction of the proposed rail line. This bill also provides that it would
40 not affect any priorities which may have been assigned to any other
41 project in the Circle of Mobility. Current law provides that the New
42 Jersey Transit Corporation is to proceed expeditiously to complete the
43 Circle of Mobility.

44 To adequately address the commuting and development patterns
45 that are being established in the Central New Jersey area and to
46 enhance State and regional economic opportunities, a commuter rail

1 linkage in the central New Jersey region must become a transportation
2 option. This rail linkage must be provided to avoid aggravating the
3 significant traffic congestion and related problems now experienced on
4 this area's highways by residents who must rely on autos and busses to
5 commute to work and for other purposes.

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10 Expands definition of Circle of Mobility to include commuter rail
11 service in central New Jersey.