

SENATE, No. 1734

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators KYRILLOS, SINGER, Palaia, Ciesla and Connors

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 s. "Circle of Mobility" means an essential group of related transit
45 projects that include (1) the New Jersey Urban Core Project, as
46 defined in section 3031 of the "Intermodal Surface Transportation

1 Efficiency Act of 1991," Pub.L.102-240, and consisting of the
2 following elements: Secaucus Transfer, Kearny Connection,
3 Waterfront Connection, Northeast Corridor Signal System, Hudson
4 River Waterfront Transportation System, Newark-Newark
5 International Airport-Elizabeth Transit Link, a rail connection between
6 Penn Station Newark and Broad Street Station, Newark, New York
7 Penn Station Concourse, and the equipment needed to operate revenue
8 service associated with improvements made by the project, and (2) the
9 modification and reconstruction of the West Shore Line in Bergen
10 County connected to Allied Junction/Secaucus Transfer Meadowlands
11 Rail Center; the construction of a rail station and associated
12 components at the Meadowlands Sports Complex; the modification
13 and reconstruction of the Susquehanna and Western Railway, as
14 defined and provided in section 3035 (a) of the "Intermodal Surface
15 Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991"; [and] the modification and
16 reconstruction of the Lackawanna Cutoff Commuter Rail Line
17 connecting Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties to the North Jersey
18 Transportation Rail Centers; and commuter rail service from the
19 Northeast Corridor at South Brunswick Township in Middlesex
20 County to the proposed Lakewood Transportation Center in Ocean
21 County via Jamesburg Borough, Englishtown Borough, Freehold
22 Borough, Freehold Township, Farmingdale Borough and Howell
23 Township.

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

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 The Monmouth-Ocean-Middlesex region is a rapidly growing area
32 in the central part of the State, accounting for half of the State's
33 population growth between 1980 and 1990, with a further population
34 increase of at least 30 percent expected by 2010. As a result of the
35 recent and anticipated population increases, the need to improve
36 transportation options for this region is essential.

37 To adequately address the commuting and development patterns
38 that are being established in this Central New Jersey area and to
39 enhance State and regional economic opportunities, a commuter rail
40 linkage between the Northeast Rail Corridor in South Brunswick in
41 Middlesex County and the proposed Lakewood Transportation Center
42 in Ocean County via Jamesburg, Englishtown, Freehold Borough,
43 Freehold Township, Farmingdale, and Howell must become a
44 transportation option. This rail linkage must be provided to avoid
45 aggravating the significant traffic congestion and related problems now
46 experienced on this area's highways by residents who must rely on

1 autos and busses to commute to work and for other purposes.

2 Currently the definition of the Circle of Mobility focuses on the
3 addition of rail linkages and new rail services for the northern part of
4 the State. However, a special relationship between New York,
5 northern New Jersey, and the adjacent Monmouth-Ocean-Middlesex
6 region has always existed. Consequently, the definition of the Circle
7 of Mobility should be modified to acknowledge that it is important to
8 strengthen this special relationship by the addition of a rail service that
9 would interconnect to those rail services now within the definition of
10 the Circle of Mobility.

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15 Expands definition of Circle of Mobility to include commuter rail
16 service between South Brunswick and Lakewood.