SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5337**

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 8, 2021

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5337 (1R).

As reported, this bill requires the Department of Transportation (department) to implement a complete streets policy to plan, design, construct, maintain, and operate new and rehabilitated public highways and public transportation projects to provide safe access for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, individuals with mobility impairments, and persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The complete streets policy is to require the consideration and implementation of design elements and infrastructure improvement projects that promote the ability of persons with diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and persons intellectual and developmental disabilities to travel independently.

The bill also requires the department, as part of the complete streets policy, to develop universal design concepts that advance the mobility options for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The department is to develop guidance and policies for the means by which the universal design concepts are to be incorporated into the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and rehabilitated public highways and public transportation projects.

The department is required to encourage regional and local entities that apply for funding through the local aid program to adopt a complete streets policy consistent with the bill.

As reported, Assembly Bill No. 5337 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3439, which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.