

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 17

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 21, 2021

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Joint Resolution No. 17.

As reported, this joint resolution establishes the “Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizen Transportation Services Task Force” to examine ways to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities and senior citizens.

Specifically, the task force is required to consider the following issues and services: 1) transportation obstacles for persons with disabilities and senior citizens and solutions for mitigating those obstacles; 2) ways to improve infrastructure and technology and to coordinate and connect transportation systems to create seamless mobility; 3) ways to improve independent travel training; 4) ways to improve real-time transit technology in order to inform passengers of delays or cancellations; and 5) ways in which automated and connected vehicle technology can improve transportation accessibility for persons with disabilities and senior citizens.

The task force is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including legislative proposals, to the Governor and the Legislature within 18 months of its organizational meeting. The task force will expire upon submission of the report.

This joint resolution was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the joint resolution includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.