

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1224

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 3, 2024

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1224.

As reported, this bill amends the definition of a public highway to include boardwalks and promenades. The bill also amends the State transportation local aid program formula for the distribution of county aid and municipal aid to include boardwalk mileage in addition to county and municipal road mileage respectively. This bill provides counties and municipalities with the same amount of annual local aid funding for each mile of boardwalk that they must maintain as they receive for each mile of road that they must maintain.

The bill also requires the Commissioner of Transportation (commissioner) to provide no less than \$4 million per year in grants from the Local Aid Infrastructure Fund for boardwalk projects in State Fiscal Years 2025 through 2031. The Local Aid Infrastructure Fund is a discretionary grant pool that the commissioner may award to projects not covered by the other local aid program categories.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.