

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2491

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2491.

As reported, this bill requires the Department of Transportation (department) to include additional information on pothole repairs in the annual “Report to the Governor and Legislature on New Jersey’s Roadway Pavement System” (annual report).

In addition to identifying the repair and maintenance projects that were completed during the foregoing fiscal year and the cost of each project, the bill requires the department to include the following information in the report: (1) the number of pothole repair projects and the cost of pothole repair projects; (2) the resources that the department has allocated for each maintenance and repair project; and (3) an estimated timeframe to conduct each maintenance and repair project, including the response times for emergency pothole repair projects.

The department is also required to conduct a lifecycle cost analysis of the pavement surfaces, which includes the number of pothole damage claims filed by users of State roadways and the associated costs of damages to vehicles as recorded by the Division of Risk Management within the Department of the Treasury.

Lastly, the bill requires the annual report and the lifecycle cost analysis to be made available to the public on the department’s internet website.