

CHAPTER 195

AN ACT requiring the New Jersey Turnpike Authority to study the impact of constructing rail stations at certain park and ride facilities.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The New Jersey Turnpike Authority shall conduct a study and prepare a report concerning potential options for the construction of a rail station at the Vince Lombardi Park and Ride facility in Ridgefield, Bergen County. The proposed rail station shall allow the New Jersey Transit Corporation to provide rail passenger service connecting the proposed rail station to the existing rail station in the Borough of Hawthorne, Passaic County, and to the light rail station at Tonnell Avenue in North Bergen, Hudson County, through the use of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway right-of-way. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. A description of each possible option to construct a rail station at the Vince Lombardi Park and Ride facility, including the locations for the placement of additional rail stations, which shall provide the facility with service connections to the Main-Bergen County Line and Pascaek Valley Line through the use of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway right-of-way;

b. An assessment of the feasibility of constructing a rail station at the Vince Lombardi Park and Ride facility, including the technology to be utilized in any new construction of additional rail stations;

c. The estimated cost of each option to construct a rail station at the Vince Lombardi Park and Ride facility, including the estimated cost of the acquisition of property and rights-of-way and the availability of any federal funds to offset the costs of each option;

d. The estimated time of implementation of each option to construct a rail station at the Vince Lombardi Park and Ride facility, including the time necessary for permitting;

e. A projection of the number of residences and businesses that will be negatively impacted by each option to construct a rail station at the Vince Lombardi Park and Ride facility;

f. An assessment of the environmental impact of each option to construct a rail station at the Vince Lombardi Park and Ride facility;

g. An assessment of the impact on potential utilization of the Vince Lombardi Park and Ride facility, including the projected effects on traffic congestion and current motorbus regular route service ridership; and

h. Any other relevant information concerning the feasibility of construction of a rail station at the Vince Lombardi Park and Ride facility.

The report shall include a summary of other possible options which were not discussed in the report and set forth the reasons why those options were not identified as feasible options to construct a rail station at the Vince Lombardi Park and Ride facility.

2. The authority shall report its findings required pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2017, c.195 not later than 12 months following the effective date of this act to the Governor and the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).

3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on the 30th day following the submission of the report required to be prepared under section 2 of this act.

Approved August 7, 2017.