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PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Notice of Action on Petition for Rulemaking

Petition for the Department of Transportation to Adopt Rules and Take Other Actions to establish a permanent advisory board composed of women from diverse demographics to conduct ongoing women's audits of services and operations provided by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and New Jersey Transit.

Petitioner: Caleb L. McGillvary.

Take notice that on September 5, 2025, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (Department) received a petition for rulemaking from Caleb L. McGillvary seeking the promulgation of rules pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4(f) and implementing regulations 16:1A-3.1 et. seq.

The petition demands that the Department adopt rules to establish a permanent advisory board composed of women from diverse demographics to conduct ongoing women's audits of services and operations provided by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and New Jersey Transit.

The petitioner states Transportation systems in New Jersey and across the U.S. have historically been designed without full consideration of the unique needs, experiences, and safety concerns of women. The petitioner also states that Title VI and equity impact reviews are standard practice but often do not capture women-specific patterns and disparities in mobility, care-based trips, safety at night, sexual harassment, or affordability for low-wage earners.

The petitioner indicates that by establishing the proposed board the Department will (1) Promote safety, accessibility, and dignity for all users; (2) Demonstrate leadership in women's rights in mobility policy; and (3) Proactively reduce disparities and ensure equal access for the millions of New Jersey women who rely on public infrastructure and services.

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The notice of receipt, this notice of action, and the full text of the petition filed in this matter are available on the Department's website at <https://dot.nj.gov/transportation/about/rules/petitions.shtm>. In accordance with the provisions at N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2, the Department subsequently mailed to the petitioner and filed with the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law, a notice of action on the petition for publication in the New Jersey Register.

Response to Petition

Petitioner's Request

The petition demands that the Department adopt rules to establish a permanent advisory board composed of women from diverse demographics to conduct ongoing women's audits of services and operations provided by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and New Jersey Transit.

Upon review, it appears that the Department of Transportation is not the appropriate agency to establish this advisory board. Pursuant to N.J.S.A 27-25-4, the New Jersey Transit Corporation is allocated within the Department of Transportation, but not withstanding that allocation, the corporation is independent of any supervision or control by the Department.

Conclusion

Accordingly, based on the foregoing, the petitioner's request for rulemaking is denied. A copy of this notice has been mailed to the petitioner as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2.