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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REPORT ON THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS NEEDED TO ADEQUATELY REPAIR AND MAINTAIN SUBDIVISION STREETS.

1 WHEREAS, under § 131 of Title 17 of the Delaware Code, all public roads, causeways, highways, and bridges in
2 this State which are constructed, acquired, or accepted by the Department of Transportation (“Department”) are under the
3 absolute care, management, and control of the Department; and

4 WHEREAS, there are almost 1500 miles of subdivision streets in this State and the Department’s responsibility
5 under § 131 of Title 17 includes subdivision streets under § 131(b) and (g) of Title 17 and subdivision streets that are
6 accepted by the Department; and

7 WHEREAS, subdivision streets rank low on the Department’s priority, and funding in the Capital Transportation
8 Program is not sufficient to meet the needs of subdivision streets; and

9 WHEREAS, the General Assembly created the Community Transportation Fund in the mid-1980s to enable
10 individual legislators to target for repair or maintenance subdivision streets that do not meet the Department’s prioritization
11 under the Capital Transportation Program; and

12 WHEREAS, over the last 2 fiscal years the General Assembly appropriated \$10 million to the Community
13 Transportation Fund to be used by the Department as part of an innovative pilot program to accelerate the improvement and
14 quality of subdivision streets; and

15 WHEREAS, the Department’s January 2020 report to the Co-Chairs of the Joint Legislative Committee on the
16 Capital Improvement Program indicated that there were “315 [subdivision] street locations statewide with a pavement
17 condition rating of 25 or less, meaning poor pavement condition” and the appropriated funds are sufficient to make repairs
18 to just 76 locations; and

19 WHEREAS, at the rate indicated by the Department’s January 2020 report, it will take an extended period of time
20 to repair the subdivision streets identified in the report; and

21 WHEREAS, it is evident that the Department does not have sufficient resources to adequately repair and maintain
22 subdivision streets.

23 NOW, THEREFORE:

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the 150th General Assembly of the State of
25 Delaware, with the approval of the Governor, that the Secretary of the Department of Transportation is directed to report to
26 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Controller General, Governor, and
27 Director of the Office of Management and Budget by December 7, 2020, on the amount of funds needed to adequately
28 repair and maintain subdivision streets within the Capital Transportation Program without reliance on the Community
29 Transportation Fund.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, following enactment, a copy of this Joint Resolution be sent by the Chief
31 Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation.

SYNOPSIS

This Joint Resolution directs the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Controller General, Governor, and Director of the Office of Management and Budget by December 7, 2020, on the amount of funds needed to adequately repair and maintain subdivision streets.