

NJ TRANSIT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUS, RAIL, LIGHT RAIL, ACCESS LINK AND BUS CONTRACT CARRIERS' FARES, FARE POLICIES AND SERVICE LEVELS

Proposed fare changes effective May 1, 2010:

- Local bus, Newark Light Rail, River Line, Access Link and Bus Contract Carriers' fares would increase an average of 25 percent, subject to rounding. The base one-zone local bus fare would change from \$1.35 to \$1.70 and the base one-zone monthly bus pass from \$49.00 to \$61.00 in northern New Jersey and from \$45.00 to \$56.00 in southern New Jersey.
- Rail fares would increase 25 percent, subject to rounding. The Off-Peak Round Trip (ORT) discount would be eliminated. Based on future changes in Metro-North fares in New York State, rail fares on the Main/Bergen County and Pascack Valley lines would be authorized to be raised to levels that provide parity with pricing on other similar-distance NJ TRANSIT rail lines.
- Hudson-Bergen Light Rail fares would increase an average of 25 percent. The base fare would change from \$1.90 to \$2.40 and the base monthly pass from \$58.00 to \$73.00. The Hudson-Bergen Light Rail ten-trip ticket discount would be eliminated.

Proposed service changes effective no later than July 2010:

- Rail service would be reduced four percent, from 725 trains to 695 trains on a typical weekday. Montclair-Boonton Line shuttle trains west of Montclair State University would be eliminated. Select trains on Northeast Corridor, North Jersey Coast, Morris & Essex, Raritan Valley, Main/Bergen County and Atlantic City rail lines would be eliminated, resulting in longer intervals between some trains.
- Bus service frequency would be reduced on selected routes, resulting in longer intervals between some trips. Certain underutilized local bus routes (operated by private contract carriers) and WHEELS mini-bus service would be eliminated. NJ TRANSIT would discontinue service on three bus routes with the expectation of service being assumed by private bus carriers.
- Light rail service would be reduced systemwide from 1,144 to 1,058 trips on weekdays and from 560 to 422 trips on weekend days. Redundant Hudson-Bergen Light Rail weekend service between Tonelle Avenue and Hoboken Terminal would be eliminated.

Important Information

Public hearings will be held as required by N.J.S.A. 27:25-8(d). Public hearings and information sessions will be held at the locations and times listed on this notice. Written comments for the record may be sent to: PUBLIC HEARING OFFICE - FARE PROPOSAL COMMENTS, ONE PENN PLAZA EAST, NEWARK, NJ 07105 or on NJ TRANSIT's Website, www.njtransit.com, for receipt no later than **11:59 p.m., March 27, 2010**. To view a description of the proposals under consideration, please visit www.njtransit.com or send your request to Public Hearing Office, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105. All documents will be available for inspection and comment at the public hearings and information sessions listed on this notice.

All public hearing/information session locations are accessible for persons with disabilities. Individuals requesting special assistance such as a sign language interpreter or other accommodation to participate in a public hearing or information session should contact the Public Hearing Office at (973) 491-7453 or TT (800) 772-2287 by **March 12, 2010** in order for NJ TRANSIT to make necessary arrangements.

Please be assured that no final decisions have been made. Your views on the proposals, as expressed at public hearings and/or information sessions, will be presented to the NJ TRANSIT Board of Directors prior to a final decision in these matters.

POST MARCH 8 2010 | REMOVE MARCH 26, 2010

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY: NJ TRANSIT is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from, or denied the benefits of, our services on the basis of race, color or national origin as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. No person or group of persons shall be discriminated against with regard to the routing, scheduling or quality of transportation service on the basis of race, color or national origin. Frequency of service, age and quality of vehicles assigned to routes, quality of stations serving different routes, and location of routes may not be determined on the basis of race, color or national origin. Any person who believes that they have, individually, or as a member of any specific class of persons, been subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin may file a complaint in writing to NJ TRANSIT Customer Service - Title VI Division, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105. A complaint must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discrimination.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & INFORMATION SESSIONS

Thursday, March 25, 2010 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

PATERSON
Passaic County Community College - Theater
Ellison Street & Memorial Drive, Paterson, NJ

NEWARK
NJ TRANSIT Headquarters - Board Room
One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ

TRENTON
Trenton Transit Center
72 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ

MANALAPAN
Monmouth County Library - Meeting Rooms 2 & 3
125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NJ

Friday, March 26, 2010 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

SECAUCUS
Frank R. Lautenberg Rail Station
County Road & County Avenue, Secaucus, NJ

CAMDEN
Camden City Hall - Council Chambers (2nd Fl.)
520 Market Street, Camden, NJ

MORRISTOWN
Morristown Town Hall - Senior Community Center (3rd Fl.)
200 South Street, Morristown, NJ

LONG BRANCH
Long Branch Middle School - Auditorium
350 Indiana Avenue, Long Branch, NJ

NEW YORK (INFORMATION SESSION)
Port Authority Bus Terminal - Times Square Hall (2nd Fl.)
625 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY

Saturday, March 27, 2010 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

HACKENSACK (INFORMATION SESSION)
Bergen County Freeholders - Public Meeting Room (5th Fl.)
One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ

ATLANTIC CITY (INFORMATION SESSION)
Atlantic City Rail Terminal - Lobby
One Atlantic City Expressway, Atlantic City, NJ

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