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GETTING BACK ON TRANSIT: STAYING HEALTHY AND MOBILE IN 2021

Presented by NJTIP @ Rutgers – Travel Training

NJTIP @ Rutgers

*Expanding Mobility
for People with Disabilities and Seniors*

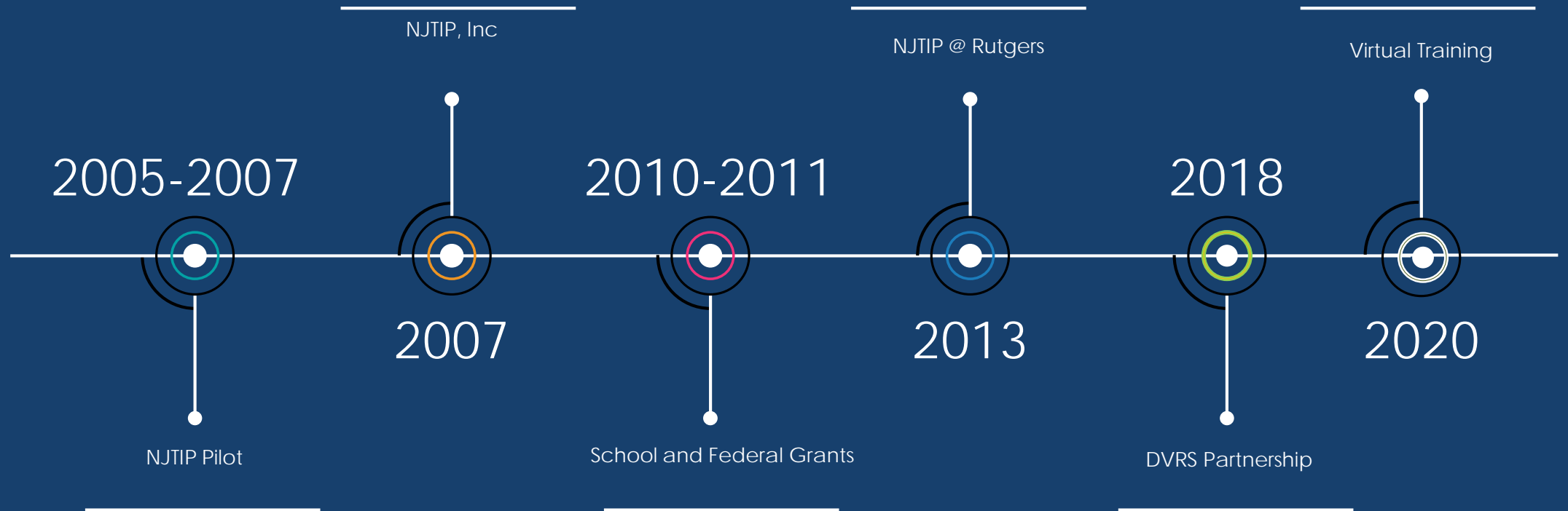
A Program of the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC)

THE MISSION OF NJTIP @ RUTGERS

NJTIP @ Rutgers increases the independence and self-sufficiency of people with disabilities, older adults and others by empowering them to use the public transit system safely and independently.

Over 13,682 people have been trained by NJTIP, so far! - April 2021

NJTIP TIMELINE



WHAT DOES NJTIP @ RUTGERS OFFER?

- One to One Instruction
- Small Group Instruction
- Seminars for Professionals (Connect to Transit)



TRAVEL TRAINING BENEFITS

- Improved Quality of Life
- Increased Access
- Empowerment and Independence
- More Options
- “Chauffeur Retirement”
- Cost Savings



ONE ON ONE TRAVEL INSTRUCTION

468 One on One Graduates through April 30, 2021

Key Steps:

- Introduction
- Intake
- Route Check
- On-Board Training
- Fade & Retrain



30 INDEPENDENT TRAVEL SKILLS

Examples Include:

- Interacting appropriately with strangers
- Boarding, signaling and exiting the vehicle
- Appropriate social skills
- Safe street crossing
- Handling fares

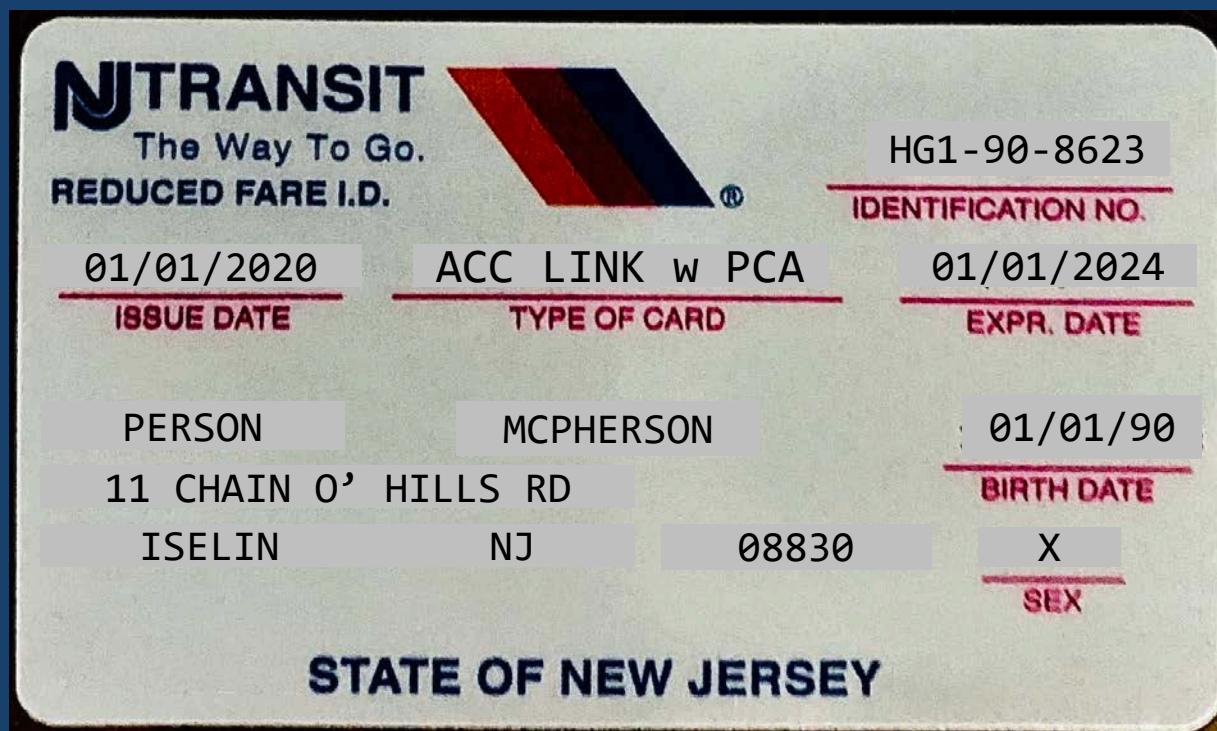


NJ TRANSIT REDUCED FARE PROGRAM

For information on the Reduced
Fare Program

Call (973) 491-7112

Email reducedfare@njtransit.com



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REDUCED FARE APPLICATION

Who is Eligible?

- People with disabilities
- Seniors age 62 and older
- Military



REDUCED FARE PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY

**To be certified by a licensed physician
or nurse practitioner only.**



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MOBILITY OPTIONS IN NEW JERSEY



LOCAL BUS



TRAIN/RAIL



INTERSTATE
BUS



LIGHT RAIL

NJ TRANSIT BUS



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NJ TRANSIT BUS LIFT



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HAILING THE BUS

You must wave or hail the bus when it is approaching to let the bus operator know that you want the bus to stop

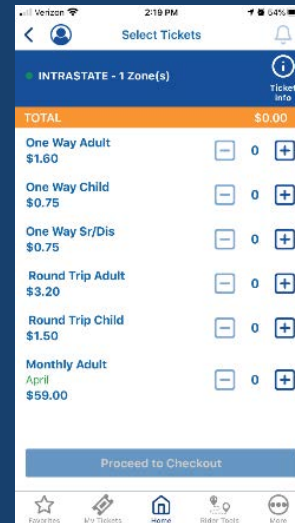


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PLAN HOW TO PAY THE FARE

- Exact change
- Tickets and passes
- NJ TRANSIT App



PAYING WITH THE NJ TRANSIT APP



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NJ TRANSIT RAIL

About half of NJ TRANSIT stations are accessible



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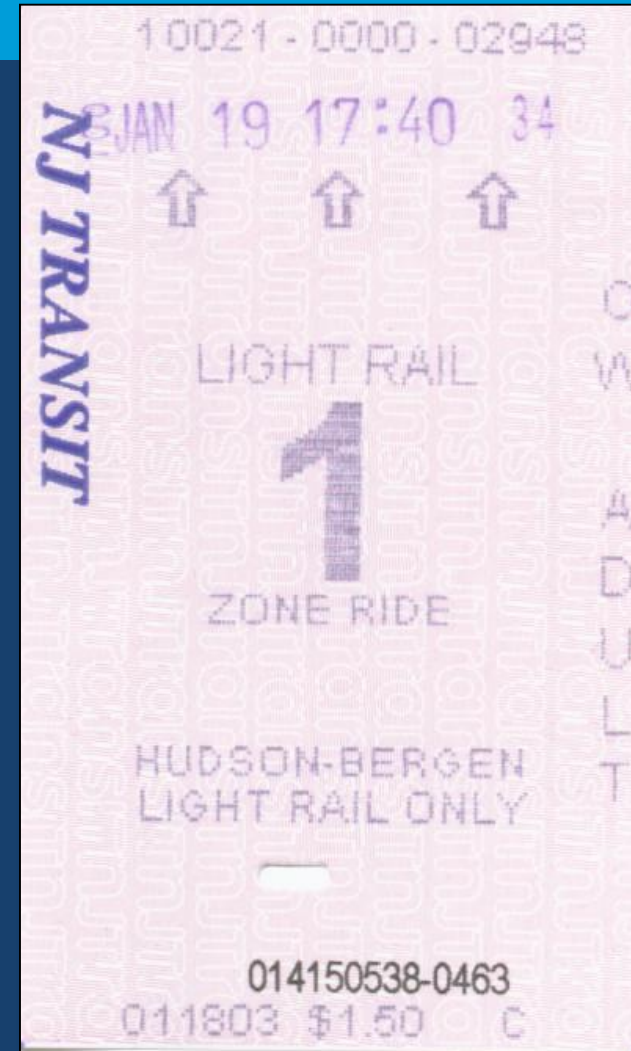
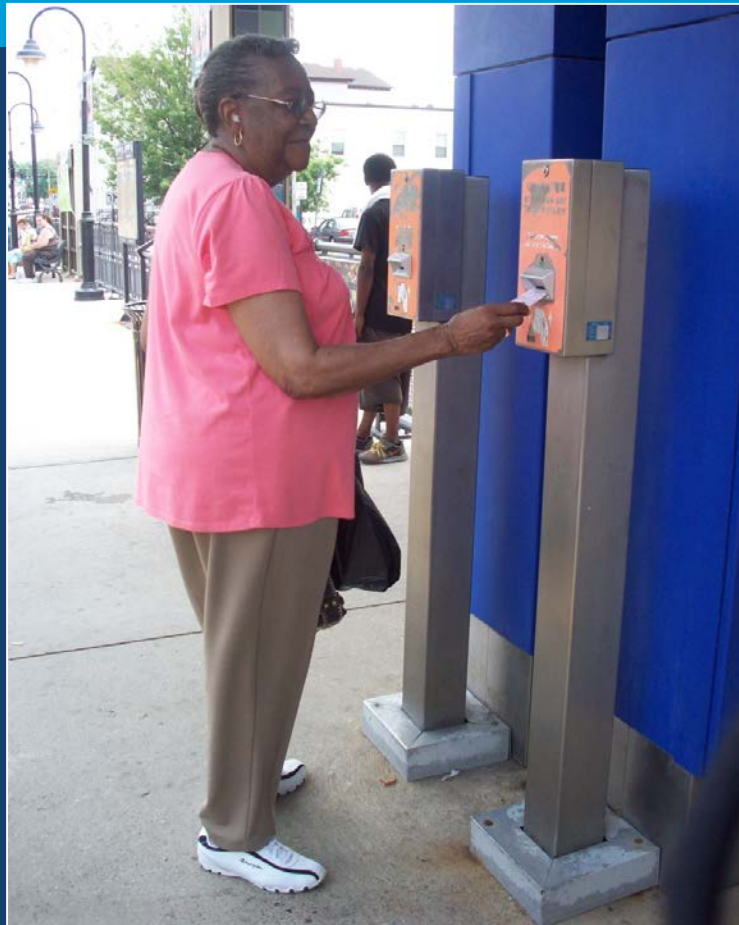
LIGHT RAIL

NJ TRANSIT LIGHT RAIL

- **NJ TRANSIT operates 3 Light Rail Systems** (most of the stations are accessible)
 - **Hudson-Bergen Light Rail** (100% accessible)
 - **Newark Light Rail** (most of the stations are accessible)
 - **The River Line** (100% accessible)



VALIDATE YOUR TICKET



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MOBILITY OPTIONS IN NEW JERSEY

- Subway
- Shuttles
- Paratransit
- Ferries
- Taxis/UBER/LYFT/
 - GoGoGrandparent/Ryde4Life



ACCESS LINK

ADA COMPLIMENTARY PARATRANSIT

For Access Link Information

Call: 973-491-4224

Email: adaservices@njtransit.com



COUNTY PARATRANSIT IN NEW JERSEY

- 21 systems, one in each county
- Service to people with disabilities, older adults & other transportation disadvantaged people



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THE THREE W'S OF COVID-19

- **W**ear a mask
- **W**atch your distance
- **W**ash your hands



SAFE NJ TRANSIT TIPS DURING PANDEMIC



MASK - Wear Your
SAFE Face Covering



MOVE - Stay to the
SAFE Right on Stairs
& Escalators



TRASH - Practice
SAFE Proper PPE
Disposal



HAND - Wash Your
SAFE Hands & Avoid
Hand-to-Hand
Contact



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HOW FULL IS MY RIDE: BUS

MyBus

- Select Route
- Select Direction
- Select Stop
- Check Seating



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HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH TRANSIT STAFF



BE POLITE:
"PLEASE KNEEL
THE BUS."



BE SPECIFIC:
"PLEASE LOWER
THE LIFT."



BE FIRM:
"PLEASE GET THE BRIDGE
PLATE NOW SO THAT I
CAN BOARD THIS TRAIN."



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NJ TRANSIT VAXRIDE

- Free ride to vaccines
- List of vaccination sites with transit access

The logo for VAXRIDEN is a red rectangular box with a white border. Inside the box, the word "VAXRIDEN" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located at the end of the word.

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The Vaccine Locator can be used to locate a COVID-19 vaccine provider near you.

To use this map, search for an address by entering it into the text field box OR click on the "Set Location" button and select a location on the map. You can adjust the slider to set the search radius (in miles).



Search for an address or locate on map

Find address or place

Show results within (Miles) 1

Set location

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For mobile users, click on the  icon to use your current location.

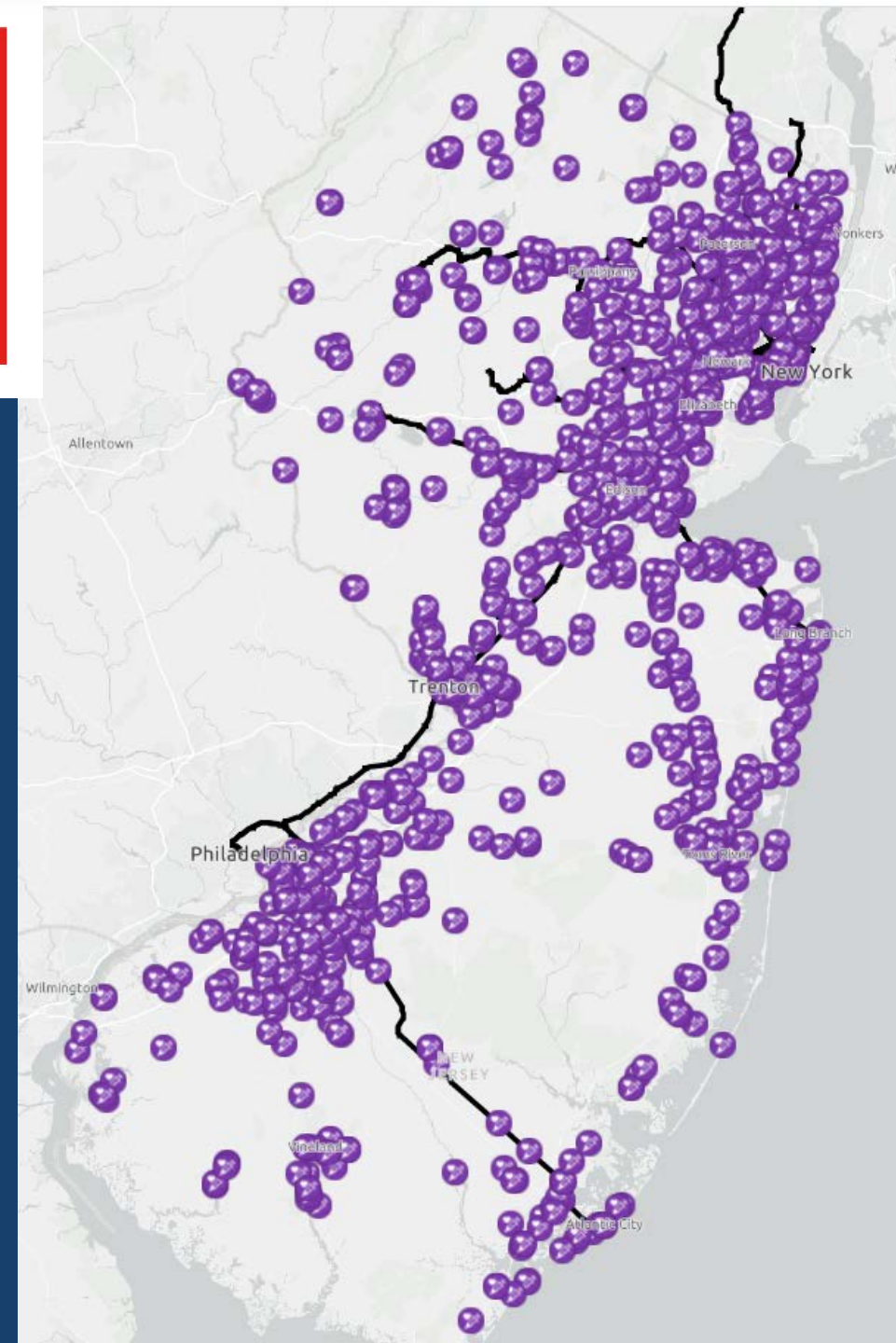
Clicking on COVID-19 Vaccine Sites will display address, contact info, and their website.

Clicking on transit stops or lines will display a link to schedule information.

Data updated as of 04/01/21

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<https://www.njtransit.com/vaxride>





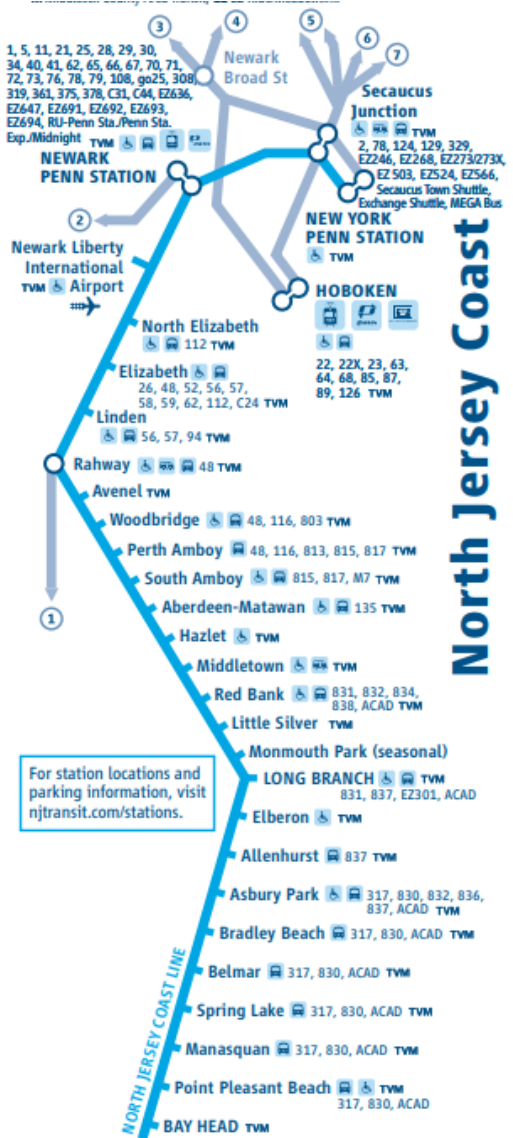
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Point Pleasant Virtual FIELD TRIP



POLL



North Jersey Coast

For station locations and parking information, visit njtransit.com/stations.

- CONNECTING TO:**
- ① NORTHEAST CORRIDOR LINE to Trenton
 - ② RARITAN VALLEY LINE to Raritan and High Bridge
 - ③ MORRIS & ESSEX LINES to Hackettstown and Gladstone
 - ④ MONTCLAIR-BOONTON LINE to Hackettstown
 - ⑤ MAIN & BERGEN COUNTY LINES to Port Jervis
 - ⑥ PASCACK VALLEY LINE to Spring Valley
 - ⑦ MEADOWLANDS RAIL LINE to Meadowlands Rail Station

Find our nearby bus stop



What are some steps we should take to be ready for our bus?

Point Pleasant Virtual Tour


- #815 NJ Transit bus





New Brunswick Rail Station

Check Departure Screen

New York Penn Station Departures - TIDCR1  9:34

DEPARTS	TO	TRK	LINE	TRAIN	STATUS
9:35	Trenton-SEC →	10	Northeast Corrdr	3889	BOARDING
9:38	Long Branch-SEC →	2	No. Jersey Coast	3289	BOARDING
9:51	Dover-SEC		Morristown	6675	
9:54	Jersey Ave.-SEC →		Northeast Corrdr	3737	
10:11	Trenton-SEC →		Northeast Corrdr	3891	
10:13	Dover-SEC		Morristown	6677	
10:20	Long Branch-BH-SEC →		No. Jersey Coast	3293	
10:38	Trenton-SEC →		Northeast Corrdr	3893	
10:41	MSU-SEC		MontclairBoonton	6297	
10:56	Dover-SEC		Morristown	6679	

How to ride the train



1. Check the schedule
2. Purchase our ticket
3. Get a receipt
4. Take our change
5. Check the departure screen (if available)
6. Listen for announcements
7. Wait for our train
8. Have our ticket ready
9. Listen for our stop
10. Watch our step as we get off

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- NJ Transit Rail Map

SYSTEM MAP
njtransit.com

RAIL

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ay To Go.



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NJ TRANSIT
Telephone Text
(not) 712-2287

NJ TRANSIT
Security Hotline
(not) 712-2287

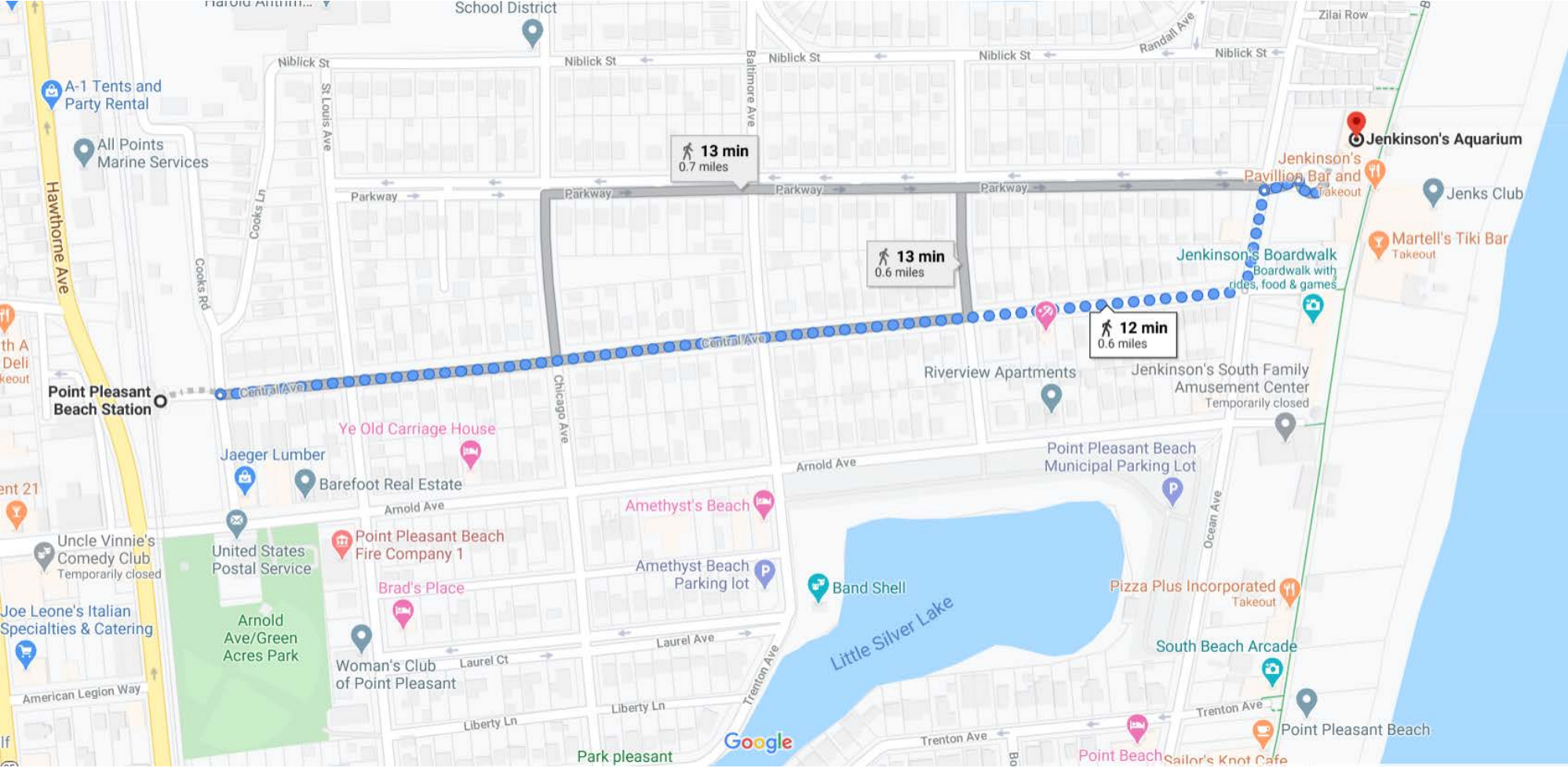
BUY YOUR TICKET



Point Pleasant Beach Station



Walking directions to Jenkinson's Boardwalk



Salt Water Taffy at Jersey Shore



Jenkinson's Boardwalk



Point Pleasant Virtual Tour

- Jenkinson's Aquarium



African Penguins at Jenkinson's Aquarium



Exciting birds at Jenkinson's Aquarium



What happens if we miss our bus or train?

Troubleshooting mistakes, cancellations and weather issues.



TRIP PLANNING TOOLS

- njtransit.com
- mybus
- Google maps
- Transit app

The screenshot shows the NJ TRANSIT website interface. At the top, the NJ TRANSIT logo is displayed with the tagline "The Way To Go." Below the logo is a search icon. A red banner contains an important notice: "Important Notice: Executive Order 125 requires all staff and customers on NJ TRANSIT vehicles to wear face coverings. Customers should be using NJT services for essential travel only. NJ TRANSIT Bus service is operating on a full regular weekday schedule. NJT bus tickets and passes are being cross-honored on all NJT rail lines. [View Details](#)".

The navigation menu includes: SERVICES, STATUS, TICKETS, DESTINATIONS, MAPS, POLICE, ACCESSIBILITY, ABOUT, CONTACT.

The main content area features a large image of the Historic Hoboken Terminal at night. Below the image is a "System Status" section with a "Check All" link. The status section is organized into two columns of service lines, each with an icon, the service name, and a status indicator (Alert or a number).












Service Line	Status
Atlantic City	Alert
Main-Bergen County	Alert
Montclair-Boonton	Alert
Morris & Essex	Alert
Northeast Corridor	Alert
North Jersey Coast	Alert
Pascack Valley	Alert
Raritan Valley	Alert
Hudson-Bergen Light Rail	Alert
Newark Light Rail	Alert
River Line	Alert
Bus	1 2 5 6 10 11 13 21 22 23 25 26 27 28

On the left side of the status section, there are four menu items: System Status, Trip Planner, DepartureVision, and MyBus.



Historic Hoboken Terminal

 **System Status**

 Atlantic City	On Time	 Hudson-Bergen Light Rail	On Time
 Main-Bergen County	On Time	 Newark Light Rail	On Time
 Montclair-Boonton	On Time	 River Line	On Time
 Morris & Essex	On Time	 Bus	Check All
 Northeast Corridor	On Time	1 2 5 6 10 11 13	
 North Jersey Coast	Alert	21 22 23 25 26 27 more	
 Pascack Valley	On Time		

 **Plan Your Trip**

 **DepartureVision**



Historic Hoboken Terminal








- American Dream
- Atlantic City
- Camden
- Jersey Shore
- Meadowlands
- Monmouth Park
- New York
- Newark
- Newark Liberty International Airport
- Philadelphia
- Princeton Dinky
- Six Flags





 **System Status**

 **Plan Your Trip**

 **DepartureVision**

 **MyBus**

-  Main-Bergen County
-  Montclair-Boonton
-  Morris & Essex
-  Northeast Corridor
-  North Jersey Coast
-  Pascack Valley
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Historic Hoboken Terminal

 **System Status**

 **Plan Your Trip**

 **DepartureVision**

-  Main-Bergen County
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Let's Plan Our Trip!

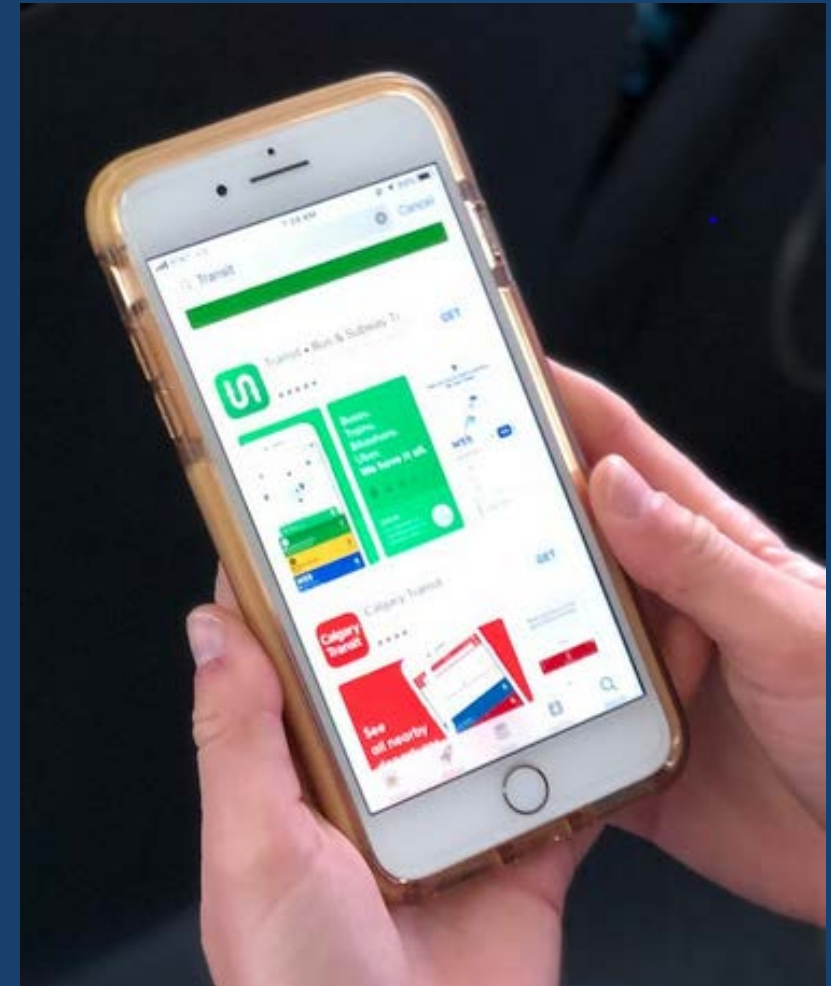
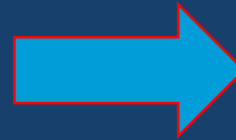
Using NJ Transit's Trip Planner

The screenshot displays the NJ Transit Trip Planner interface. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with four menu items: 'System Status' (with an information icon), 'Trip Planner' (with a book icon), 'DepartureVision' (with a bus icon), and 'MyBus' (with a bus icon). The main content area is white and contains the following fields and controls:

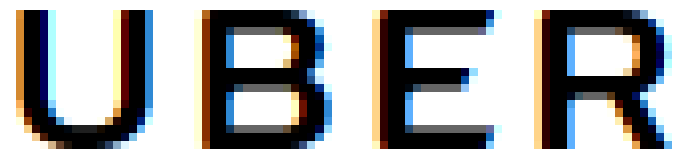
- Origin:** A text input field with the placeholder 'Select Station' and the value 'New Brunswick'.
- Destination:** A text input field with the placeholder 'Select Station' and the value 'Point Pleasant'. A double-headed vertical arrow icon is positioned to the right of the field.
- Departure:** A dropdown menu showing 'Depart A' with a downward arrow.
- Date:** A date input field showing '4/22/21' with a calendar icon.
- Time:** A time input field showing '10:00AM' with a clock icon.
- Accessibility:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked, followed by a wheelchair icon and the text 'Accessible'.
- Action:** An orange button with the text 'PLAN YOUR TRIP'.

DOWNLOADING THE TRANSIT APP

Go to the Apple APP Store
or Google Play store



TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES “RIDESHARING”

The Uber logo consists of the word "UBER" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Each letter has a thin, multi-colored outline (yellow, red, blue) that gives it a 3D, pixelated appearance. The logo is centered on a white rectangular background.

UBER

The Lyft logo features the word "lyft" in a lowercase, white, rounded sans-serif font. The letters are slightly slanted and have a soft, rounded appearance. The logo is centered on a solid magenta square background.

lyft

The Via logo consists of a white location pin icon on the left, which is a circle with a black dot in the center and a white outline. To the right of the pin is the word "VIA" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The entire logo is centered on a solid black rectangular background.

VIA



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**NJTIP @ RUTGERS
PROVIDES TRAVEL INSTRUCTION**

NJTIP @ RUTGERS TEAM



Melody Bundy



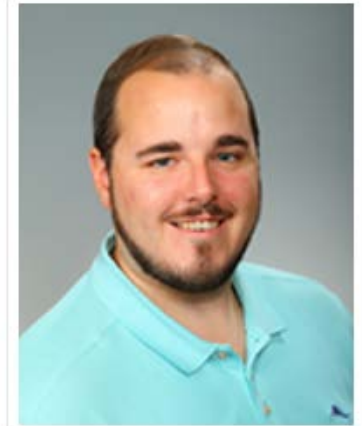
Larry Lindstrom



Louis Hoffman



Karen Alexander



Jeffrey Dennis



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IN-FIELD TRAVEL TRAINING FOR ESSENTIAL TRIPS

For example:

- Related to a recurring significant life activity, e.g. medical trip, job, school, etc.
- Time-sensitive component, e.g. school is starting, job has a start date, etc.

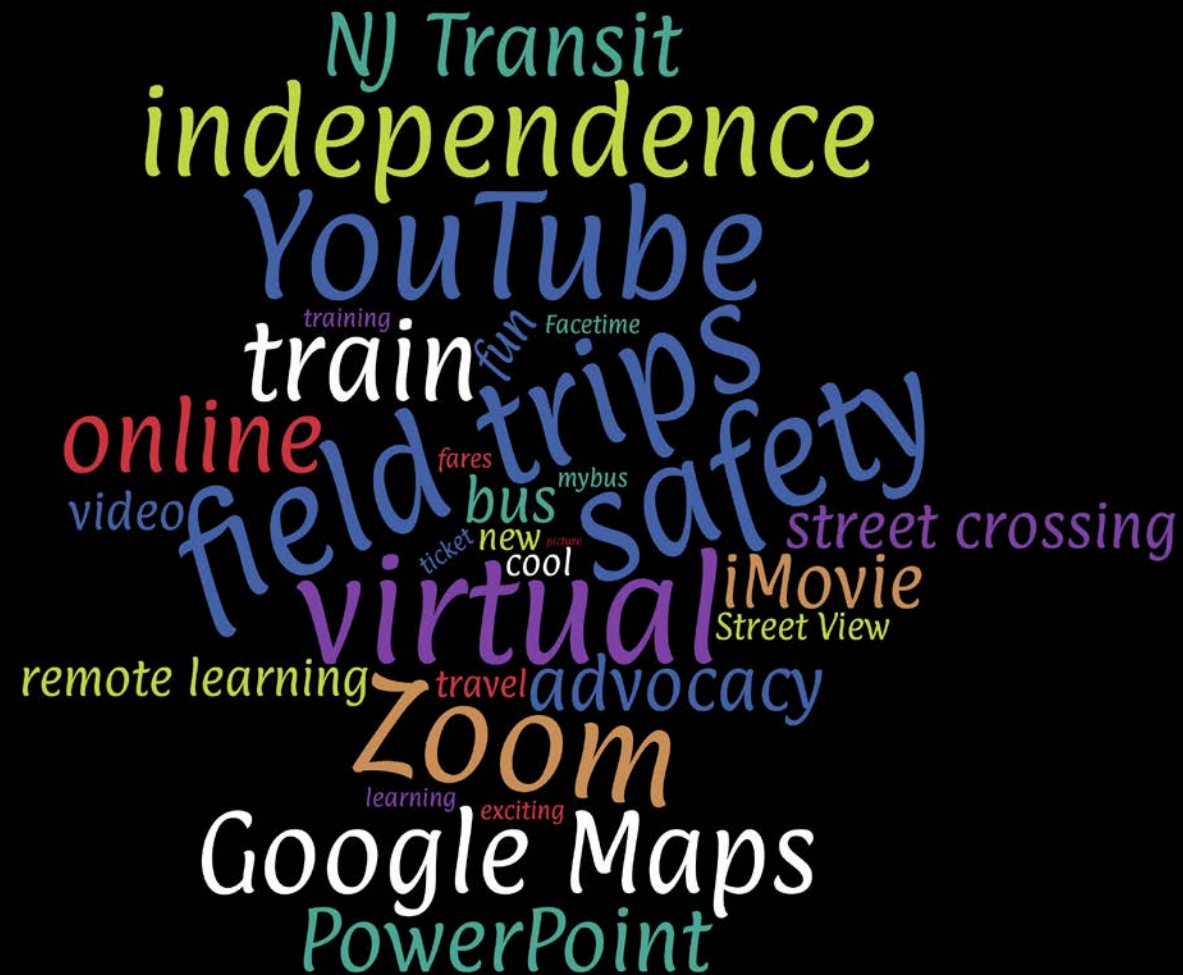


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VIRTUAL TRAVEL TRAINING

- Various platforms
- Essential trips
- Prepare to go where you need to go



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NJTIP @ RUTGERS REFERRALS WELCOMED!

- Community Partners and Colleagues
- Program Graduates
- NJ TRANSIT and Other Providers
- Funders and DVRS Staff
- You!

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EXTERNAL REFERRAL FOR TRAVEL INSTRUCTION

Date: _____

Name of Customer: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Destinations: _____

Other Contact Person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Applied for Access Link? Yes No Approx. date of Assessment Interview _____

Comments and Supplemental Information:

Referral Source/Agency: _____

Agency Contact: _____

Telephone: _____

Email completed form to: karen.alexander@njtip.rutgers.edu or

FAX to Karen Alexander, Managing Director, at (732) 932-3714.



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RESOURCE SHEET








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Online and Mobile Transit Resources

Title/Icon	Functionality	Platforms
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<p>NJ TRANSIT mybus</p> 	<p>Find out when the next bus is arriving at bus stops all over New Jersey. Simply call 973-275-5555 or text the bus stop ID number to mybus (69287) and you'll be sent the next buses to arrive at your stop.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop/Laptop • Mobile • Text Message • Phone
<p><u>NJTIP @ Rutgers</u></p> <p>WEB: njtip.rutgers.edu</p>	<p><i>"Expanding mobility for people with disabilities and seniors"</i> for over a decade by teaching people how to travel in NJ using public transit. Call 848-932-4499 for information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop • Twitter
<p>The Transit App</p> 	<p>Open this app to find a list of transit available near you and a countdown clock. This app also has route maps and a trip planner with timelines.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • App
<p>maps.google.com</p> 	<p>Use the google maps transit trip planner for up-to-date transit information on a variety of platforms. Walking and biking directions, too.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop/Laptop • Mobile • App



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Welcome to

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THE STATE UNIVERSITY
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Campus Maps Available at Information Booth



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Thank you!

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For NJTIP @ Rutgers use only: Date Received _____ Date Contacted _____



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One Penn Plaza East, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07105**

**Phone (973) 491-7112
Fax (973)609-1753
Email Reducedfare@NJTransit.com**

INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICANT

Fill out the information in the "To be completed by Applicant" section and submit to a licensed physician or nurse practitioner for certification.

Eligible applicants will receive a Reduced Fare ID Card through the mail approximately four weeks after the physician has mailed in the application. A booklet of Reduced Fare Tickets may be obtained at participating banks, savings and loan associations, and authorized state and county agencies.

PHYSICIAN

Please complete all items (Items 1-7) in section marked "Physician Certification" and mail directly to:

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Reduced Fare Program
1 Penn Plaza East, 5th Floor
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Under "Ambulatory Disabled" (Item 6), check the subcategory that makes your client eligible and describe in detail the nature of the impairment or disability in the space provided.

Unless a category is specifically checked off and, in the case of "Ambulatory Disabled" more specifically categorized, we cannot accept this application. If there is no category that your patient fits into, he or she is not eligible for the program. These criteria have been set and are mandated by the law.

You are assured that you are not liable to NJ TRANSIT in any way as the result of furnishing your certification.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

General Provisions:

1. The Eligibility Criteria listed on page 2 of the application are the sole basis for the determination of a disability for the NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Program.
 - A. An applicant 62 years of age or older who is not enrolled, may enroll in the Reduced Fare Program through the Senior Citizen Program. Senior Citizens applications are available at most banks, savings and loan associations and authorized state and county agencies.
2. Reduced Fare Identification Cards for persons with permanent disabilities are valid until expiration date shown on card.
3. NJ TRANSIT reserves the right to verify Certification Forms by contacting persons completing the forms.
4. Any fees charged for the completion of Certification Forms are not the responsibility of NJ TRANSIT.
5. Certification Forms will be confidential records and kept on file at NJ TRANSIT during the period of eligibility.
6. The criteria for eligibility on the application are in accordance with the following definition: "A person with a disability means any individual who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, is unable without special facilities or special planning or design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected."

Exclusions

Persons whose sole incapacity is:

1. Pregnancy
2. Obesity
3. Acute or chronic alcoholism or drug addiction
4. Contagious diseases are specifically excluded from discount fare eligibility

**For assistance in filling out this application, please call the NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Office
Monday - Friday, 8:00AM- 4:00PM at (973) 491-7112.**



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NO. _____

REDUCED FARE PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY

Disability Information Release Authorization:

As a part of my NJ Transit Reduced Fare Application Assessment, I realize that a licensed health professional, holding physician-level credentials in the area of my disability must verify my present medical condition. Therefore, by signing this form, I give my consent to release to NJ Transit's Reduced Fare Program and its authorized designee of any records or information maintained by the licensed health care professional relevant to a determination that I am eligible to receive NJ Transit Reduced Fare. This authorization is effective for so long as NJ Transit Reduced Fare Program is reviewing my application; and/or to determine my continued eligibility for the NJ Transit Reduced Fare Program. This authorization to release medical information is subject to written revocation by me at any time. In the absence of my revocation, this authorization will only be valid for four (4) years. I understand that any fees associated with the completion of this request are my responsibility.

Applicant Name (PRINT)

Applicant Date of Birth

Applicant Signature

Today's Date

Parent/ Legal Guardian Signature

Today's Date

PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION (continued)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The impairment or disability is considered:

5. Permanent ()

Temporary ()

Estimated Period of Disability

From _____ to _____
(Date) (Date)

6. () Non-Ambulatory Disabled

Any person whose incapacity or disability will not allow that person to walk, even with the assistance of devices, but with or without the assistance of a personal care attendant (PCA), has the personal mobility and independence in a wheelchair that use of appropriate public transportation services is a reasonable expectation.

() Semi-Ambulatory Disabled

Any person whose incapacity or disability will not allow that person to walk without the assistance of walkers, crutches, canes, braces, artificial legs, or other such adaptive device, and for whom use of appropriate public transportation services is a reasonable expectation.

() Ambulatory Disabled

Any person whose disability relates to a degree of visual, audio, physiological, mental or psychological disability or impairment as specified below, and for whom private personal transportation poses an unreasonable difficult or danger.

() Cerebrovascular accident (stroke)

() **Pulmonary disability** - (obstructions/ restrictions) that affect mobility. Those with PFT outcome < 50% of predicted values (FEV1; FVC; %FEV1; FEF25%-75%). Dyspnea occurs during usual activities of daily living; climbing a flight of stairs or walking 100 yards; with the slightest exertion; or even at rest.

() Cardiac disability

() **Sight disability** - those persons whose vision in the better eye after correction is 20/200 or less; and those persons whose visual field is contracted (commonly known as tunnel vision) to 10 degrees or less from a point of fixation, or the widest diameter subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.

() **Hearing** - loss is 90 dba or greater in the 500, 1000, 2000 Hz ranges.

() **Faulty coordination** from brain,spinal, peripheral nerve injury or arthritic condition.

() **Epilepsy** - petit and grand mal

() **Autism**

() **Cerebral palsy**

() **Intellectual Disability** - Those with I.Q.more than two standard deviations below the norm.

() **Psychiatric Disabilities** -This section applies to those individuals who suffer from a serious, long term mental illness that

- includes a substantial disorder of thought, memory, perception, or orientation
- grossly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize
- greatly impacts ability to meet ordinary/independent life support needs of foods, shelter, clothing, management of finances, and health care.

() **Other - please specify the disability that impairs mobility.**

7. Does this person's disability require that he or she use a personal care attendant (PCA) in order to use public transportation?

() yes () no

8. Physician/ Practitioner Signature _____ Date_____