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Beach Pass + Train Ticket Packages on Sale for Asbury Park & Ocean Grove Beaches



Combination rail tickets and beach passes are now available for purchase at NJ Transit rail station ticket agents and ticket vending machines throughout Summer 2021. The promotion saves users up to \$5.50 on Weekends and \$2.50 on Weekdays. Visit <https://www.njtransit.com/shore#northjersey> for more info.

Federal Mask Mandate Extended

The Transportation Security Administration has extended the requirement to wear a face covering for various transportation networks throughout the United States. The requirement applies to anyone in a public transit facility, as well as passengers on airplanes, trains, and buses at the local, regional, and national levels. Visit the [TSA Webpage](#) for more info.

Upcoming Events

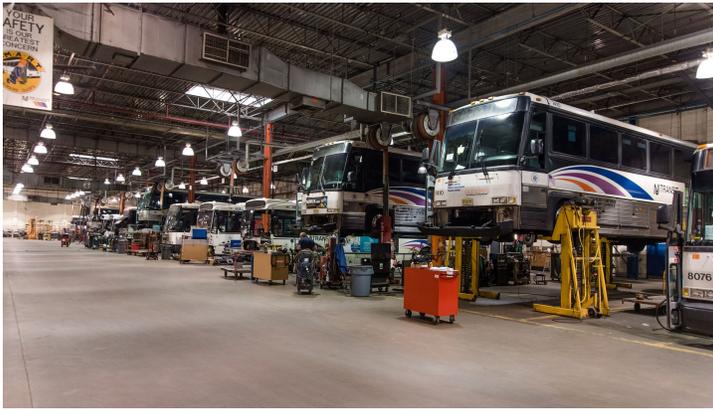
- MCTC Meeting July 13 at 7 p.m. to be held online. Click [here](#) to find the meeting info.

Did you know?

The share of U.S. workers who work from home grew from 20% to 71% in 2020. A survey of U.S. workers indicates that in early 2020, prior to the coronavirus outbreak, about 20% worked from home. In October 2020, that number had risen to 71%. Many of those workers previously used their personal vehicles for commuting, thus working from home has contributed to an overall decline in vehicle miles traveled and fuel use from 2019 to 2020. [More data and supporting information is available from the Department of Energy.](#)

NJ TRANSIT Service Ramps Up After Pandemic

NJ TRANSIT has [announced](#) that rail and bus services to Monmouth



NJ TRANSIT Commits to 100% Zero-Emissions Bus Fleet by 2040

NJ TRANSIT has [released new guiding principles](#) to assist in the transition to a fully zero-emissions bus fleet by 2040. Steps in [the roadmap](#) include preliminary engineering and planning assessments of the addition of Battery Electric Buses to the fleet, selection of test pilot areas, garage modernization, and inclusion of such tactics in future [NJ Transit Capital and Strategic plans](#).

NJ "Safe Bike Passing" Bill moves forward

Assembly Bill [No. 5570](#), which would require motorists to maintain a minimum four-foot safe distance when overtaking pedestrians or bicyclists alike, has passed the Committee on Law and Public Safety. The bill would impose a \$100 to \$500 fine if a motorist is found violating the law. This bill comes in response to a significant [increase in bicycle and pedestrian deaths](#) in New Jersey and the United States in 2020.



NJ TRANSIT Rewards Program

[NJ TRANSIT has implemented a new rewards system which issues points to redeem with partner businesses](#) such as entertainment attractions, theme parks, and model railroading firms. The program is meant to give offers at stores, restaurants, and attractions when purchasing tickets through the NJ TRANSIT mobile app. Additional information can be found at [NJTRewards.com](#)

Park and Six Flags Great Adventure will be resuming on May 29, 2021, for the summer season.

In addition, rail lines that had reduced service during the COVID-19 Pandemic will have [more trains operating](#) from June 6, 2021, onward.

Go Further! Section Streetsblog

Streetsblog provides transportation-oriented news on various modes of alternative transportation to cars. "Since 2006, our reporters [at Streetsblog] have broken important stories about efforts to prevent pedestrian injuries and deaths, build out bicycle networks, and make transit more useful." The reporters cover many relevant topics from policy and advocacy to current events and planned projects in the field.

Visit [Streetsblog](#) for daily coverage of transportation related news throughout the United States.

Monmouth County Bridge and Road Projects

Monmouth County is working hard to maintain and update key roadway and bridge infrastructure throughout the County. Learn what projects are under construction, review, or consideration as well as how to get involved on the

Allenhurst Railroad Crossing to be Closed Permanently

NJ TRANSIT has slated the [Allen Avenue railroad crossing to be closed](#) due to Federal safety requirements mandating all crossings to be upgraded, or closed if deemed unnecessary. Despite a petition signed by 700 residents and a Borough resolution, NJDOT had determined the costs to upgrade and maintain the crossing are too high to justify keeping this crossing of the North Jersey Coast Line open.

NJ MVC Updates New Cheat Sheet and Real ID enforcement date



The [New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission](#) has published a [new version of their customer services chart](#) that shows which MVC transactions can be accessed either online, via an in-person appointment, or by walking into your local office.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the [federal requirements](#) to fly with compliant Real-ID's has been pushed to May 3, 2023. Check the [NJMVC website](#) for more information on how to get a compliant Real-ID for future travel needs.



[Monmouth County Webpage.](#)

Monmouth Within Reach Study Concluding

Whether you live here year-round or visit for the world-class beaches and entertainment, Monmouth County is the place you want to be. "Monmouth Within Reach" is a federally funded study to develop strategies and best practices to reduce congestion related to tourism and events by using the resources we have to more effectively manage the demands on our transportation network.

The study is now in its final stages and the Project Team will be discussing our findings soon. On May 27, 2021 the project team held a [virtual public meeting](#) outlining some of the strategies developed from the study. We thank you for sharing your insight and experiences of travelling within the County. Please visit [MonmouthWithinReach.com](#), for future updates.

Participate with the Council

If you have an interest in transportation, we invite you to contact the staff advisors to the Monmouth County Transportation Council at transportation@co.monmouth.nj.us and find out about ways you can participate or volunteer with us.

Have a question, comment, or hot tip? Send us an email:

About This Newsletter

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