

Monmouth County Transportation Council Quarterly Newsletter



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NJ TRANSIT Calls for Applications to New Customer Advisory Board

[NJ TRANSIT is forming a new Customer Advisory Board \(CAB\) and is asking for applications.](#) The CAB is to be made up of a individuals with a range of ridership experience using NJ TRANSIT rail, bus, light rail, and Access Link services. The intention of the CAB is to serve as a resource for NJ TRANSIT customers and help the agency deepen its engagement and collaboration with their customers in order to better serve their needs. [All those interested in applying](#) must be eighteen years of age, a regular NJ TRANSIT customer, and not be employed of affiliated with NJ TRANSIT.



NJ Working Towards Faster and Cheaper Road Improvements

Road projects such as repaving and widening have been proven to be more costly in New Jersey than all other northeastern states. A nonprofit by the name of The Garden State Initiative has developed a report that suggests [ways New Jersey could reduce these costs](#). In addition to costs, these projects often take a long time to be completed, so [Governor Murphy has signed new legislation to help speed up the process](#). Monmouth County reduces the cost of maintaining roadway by performing a portion of resurfacing programs using in-house forces from our Department of Public Works and Engineering. The County shares this savings by providing road resurfacing services through the [Shared](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [MCTC Meeting](#) October 8, 7p.m., Hall of Records Annex, Freehold
- [Mini Made in Monmouth](#) Sunday, December 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Covered Bridge Ballroom, 1 Amberly Drive, Manalapan

Did you know?

Every \$1 Billion invested in public transportation supports and creates [more than 50,000 jobs](#).

Monmouth County Transportation Meeting Calendar

Council meetings are open to the public and we invite you to come participate with us. [Click here for the MCTC Meeting Calendar](#).

Participate with the

[Service Program](#) which is available to help reduce taxpayers' costs in all 53 Monmouth municipalities.

New Jersey Will Not Be Increasing its Gas Tax This Year

The State Treasury announced New Jersey's Gas Tax would not be increased over the next year. Under State law, the gasoline tax fluctuates year to year to ensure the Transportation Trust Fund collects a certain amount of money. [Based on current projections, the Transportation Trust Fund is expected to reach its goal with the current gas tax.](#)

NJ DOT Operates a Traffic and Travel Information Web Page



www.511nj.org is a free one-stop resource for commuters and motorists in need of up-to-the minute traffic conditions throughout the State. Traffic information, transit schedules and alerts, construction projects, airport parking, and traffic collision information are just some of the information available to help commuters and travelers plan the safest and most efficient trip.

A Small Change to Prevent Growing Numbers of "Doorings"

"Dooring" is a type of collision between a motor vehicle and bicycle that occurs when drivers or passengers of parked vehicles open car doors into the path of bicyclists. As bicycle popularity grows, the possibility of doorings becomes greater. Drivers can prevent these collisions by [learning to open car doors using their far or opposite hand](#) which turns their body and allows them to easily see oncoming bicycles.

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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.

Monmouth County Bicycle Resource Application

The Monmouth County Division of Planning has developed a crowdsourcing application for the collection of bike infrastructure locations and we need your help!

The Division is looking for volunteers to use the application to mark the locations and take photos of bike paths, racks, shops and maintenance stations. The information will be used to develop an updated Monmouth County Bike Map.

To volunteer, contact the Division of Planning at transportation@co.monmouth.nj.us - and thank you for your support!

EZ Ride is Making Senior Citizen Transportation Easy

EZ Ride, Monmouth County's Transportation Management Association, works to fill the gaps in the transportation network. In addition to [the shuttle services, carpools, and education programs they provide](#), their most recent



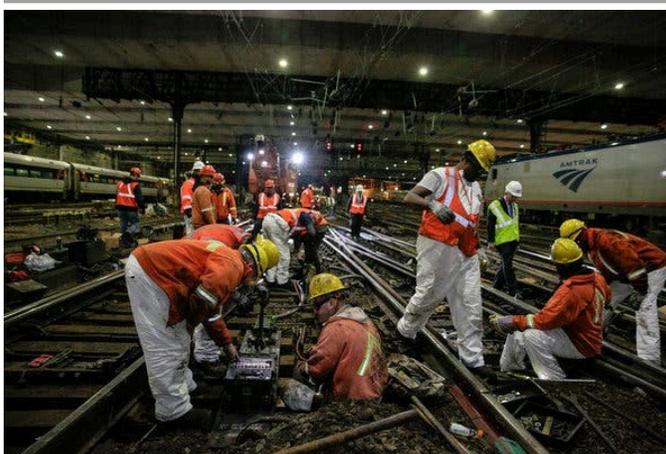
NJ Transit Will Begin Posting Monthly Train Cancellation Data

NJ Transit commuters are very familiar with the frustration of a cancelled bus or train. NJ Transit is working to fix the high numbers of cancellations, which have become so common in the past few years starting by [making their cancellation data public every month.](#)

Monmouth County Virtual Byways



Explore Monmouth's history and culture using the [Monmouth County Cultural and Heritage Virtual Tours](#). Delve into the County's agricultural legacy, celebrate the Jersey Shore lifestyle, revel in the rich history, and relish Monmouth's indigenous arts and culture with these exciting and easy to use tours.



Train Service Returning to Penn Station After Summer Track Work

For the third consecutive summer, AMTRAK has been performing track work underground at New York's Penn Station causing inconvenient service changes. With the arrival of fall, service will be [returning to its normal routine, but with a few changes.](#)

tool, [Ryde4Life](#), allows for senior citizens and those without smartphones to easily utilize Uber and Lyft services. This allows for on demand trips without the need for advanced scheduling.



Toll Booths Being Removed to Improve Access to NYC

Toll booths at the George Washington Bridge, Lincoln Tunnel, and Holland Tunnel are to be [removed in an effort to reduce congestion and traffic collisions](#) surrounding these important connections to New York City.

The 20 Most Bicycle Friendly Cities on the Planet

[These twenty cities](#) have invested heavily in bicycle infrastructure and proven they are an efficient, practical, and reliable solution to urban mobility.

CHANJ: Connecting Habitat Across New Jersey

CHANJ Project Managers visited the Transportation Council in September to introduce them to



Electric Scooters Have Arrived in Asbury Park

Asbury Park, in their fight to relieve congestion on busy streets, has launched an electric scooter share system. Scooters can be found and rented from numerous locations throughout the City for the cost of one dollar and an additional fifteen cents per minute. [Traveling at twelve miles per hour, residents and visitors can easily and quickly travel to any location in Asbury Park.](#)

the CHANJ interactive mapping tool and educate members on the importance of connecting habitats and providing safe animal crossings. [CHANJ is an effort to identify barriers to habitats and make more permeable developments](#) that will allow wildlife to flourish and decrease the number of vehicle collisions with animals along the road.



How to Choose a Bicycle Headlight

As the days begin to shorten, bicyclists will start to find themselves traveling in the dark more often. It is important for bicycles to be equipped with lighting either so that the bicyclist can see where they are going, or so drivers can easily spot the bicyclists. [There are a few factors that should be considered when purchasing a bicycle light:](#) set your budget, decide whether you want to see or be seen, how long will the lights need to run for, if you prefer rechargeable or battery powered, mounting options, and of course ascetics.

Uber Wants to Become Your One-Stop Shop for Car, Bike, Scooter, Bus, and Train Trips.

Uber is currently operating a pilot program in Denver, Colorado that allows users [to buy local bus and train tickets through the Uber App](#). They have also been working to provide subsidized rides in towns who have no, little, or sparse public transit like Dallas, Texas, and Innisfil, Ontario



Fall Driving Tips

The changing of seasons is always a good time to re-evaluate your driving habits. School is back in session meaning school buses are back on the road. It is getting dark earlier, reducing visibility. Roads may become covered in leaves which hide pot holes or debris that can damage your vehicle, and you are 3.5 times more likely to have a run in with animals such as deer while on the road.

Deer are especially active around dawn and dusk. If you encounter a deer on the road, remember they are rarely alone and make sure to brake, not swerve to avoid them. Be extra cautious in [areas with historically high collisions with deer](#) and if you do have a run in with deer, follow these [additional tips on how to avoid a collision](#).

[The AARP offers the following tips for staying safe on the road this fall.](#)

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