

# Governor Murphy and NJ Transit President & CEO Kris Kolluri Remind Commuters of Alternate Service Plans During Rail Strike

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*Due to the Strike, Rail Service is Not Operating; Commuters Urged to Work from Home if Possible; Contingency Bus Service to Launch Monday*

**MATAWAN** – New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy joined NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kris Kolluri to remind commuters that locomotive engineers have opted to strike rather than agree to terms of a new contract. As a result, the rail system throughout New Jersey is now shut down. Contingency bus service is scheduled to launch Monday morning.

“It is unfortunate that locomotive engineers have opted to disrupt the lives of 350,000 NJ TRANSIT riders rather than continue working through ongoing negotiations,” **said Governor Phil Murphy**. “Nevertheless, we are enacting contingency plans and ask all New Jerseyans to be patient as we adjust during this challenging time. Meanwhile, we are ready to restart negotiations immediately to reach a fair deal for both workers and taxpayers and bring this strike to a swift end.”

“I remain confident that a deal is within reach, but it has to be fair to the union and fiscally sustainable for the agency,” **said NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kris Kolluri**. “While the negotiations will resume this weekend, we have a contingency plan in place to address the needs of our riders. Supplemental bus service cannot fully replace trains, but we are prepared to support our customers with highly visible ambassadors to help them navigate these interim measures. Meanwhile, I remain committed, as I have been since my first day on the job in January, to staying at the bargaining table for as long as it takes to get an agreement finalized. We owe it to the 350,000 customers whose lives have just been disrupted.”

The strike comes after a tentative agreement was reached on March 10, 2025 that the leadership of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen (BLET) previously called “fair and fiscally responsible.” BLET is the only union of NJ TRANSIT’s 15 rail unions that has not signed the initial pattern bargaining agreement.

## Contingency Plan

On April 30, NJ TRANSIT announced its contingency plan should the union opt to strike. In developing its contingency plan, NJ TRANSIT focused available resources where demand is greatest—the more than 70,000 New York-bound customers, including customers who transfer from NJ TRANSIT rail to PATH trains at Hoboken Terminal and Newark Penn Station. NJ TRANSIT estimates that the contingency plan can accommodate approximately 20% of current rail customers, as the capacity of the bus system cannot replace the railroad. This contingency plan includes enhancing select existing New York commuter bus routes in close proximity to rail stations and contracting with private carriers to operate bus service from four regional Park & Ride locations across the state during weekday peak periods.

**NJ TRANSIT strongly encourages employers to allow their employees to work from home if possible, limiting travel on the NJ TRANSIT system to essential purposes only.**

**NJ TRANSIT customers without access to internet will have access to live operator assistance 24 hours a day by calling (973) 275-5555 (tel:+19732755555).**

## Regional Park & Ride Service

Park & Ride service will operate on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning on Monday, May 19, from four regional Park & Ride lots, weekdays only, during AM peak period inbound and PM peak period outbound. Times of operation are listed in the charts below. Hundreds of NJ TRANSIT personnel will be deployed at rail stations throughout the system each day, as well as at these Park & Ride lots, to assist customers:

- **Secaucus Junction** to Port Authority Bus Terminal, New York
- **PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel** to Port Authority Bus Terminal, New York (Operated by Academy Bus (<https://academybus.com/>))
- **Hamilton Rail Station** to Newark Penn Station PATH Station
- **Woodbridge Center Mall** to Harrison PATH Station

## Park & Ride Service Times of Operation

### NYC-Inbound Transportation (Operates Weekdays Only)

Pickup Location	Drop-Off Location	Hours of Operation (Weekdays Only)
Secaucus Junction Bus Plaza	Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT)	6:00 AM – 9:30 AM
PNC Arts Center (Operated by Academy Bus)	PABT	5:00 AM – 8:00 AM
Hamilton Rail Station	Newark Penn Station for PATH Transfer	5:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Woodbridge Center Mall (Operating from the lot adjacent to Sears)	Harrison PATH Station	6:00 AM – 10:00 AM

### NYC-Outbound Transportation (Operates Weekdays Only)

Pickup Location	Drop-Off Location	Hours of Operation (Weekdays Only)
PABT	Secaucus Junction Bus Plaza	3:00 PM – 7:30 PM
PABT (Operated by Academy Bus)	PNC Arts Center	3:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Pickup Location	Drop-Off Location	Hours of Operation (Weekdays Only)
Newark Penn Station	Hamilton Rail Station	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Harrison PATH Station	Woodbridge Center Mall	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

No midday, late-night, weekend or reverse commute service will operate on these Park & Ride routes.

The Park & Ride locations were selected based on their size/parking capacity, access to regional highways, and geographical distribution.

## Limited added capacity on existing NJ TRANSIT bus routes to/from NYC

NJ TRANSIT will enhance peak period service on existing New York bus routes in close proximity to rail stations. The routes are as follows:

- **Northeast Corridor:** 108, 112, 115 and 129 bus routes
- **North Jersey Coast Line:** 116 and 133/135 bus routes
- **Raritan Valley Line:** 112 and 113 bus routes
- **Morris & Essex Lines:** 107 bus route
- **Montclair-Boonton Lines:** 193 and 324 bus routes
- **Main/Bergen County Lines:** 145, 163, 164 and 190 bus routes
- **Pascack Valley Line:** 163, 164 and 165 bus routes

## Other NJ TRANSIT Services

- **Bus:** All other NJ TRANSIT bus routes will continue to operate on regular schedules.
- **Light Rail:** Newark Light Rail, Hudson-Bergen Light Rail and River LINE service will operate regular weekday schedules.
- **Access Link:** Service will operate normally, however customers should anticipate longer travel times as a result of anticipated increases in traffic.

## Ticketing

All existing valid rail tickets and passes with an origin or destination of New York, Newark or Hoboken will be accepted for travel on all Park & Ride services, and will be accepted on NJ TRANSIT buses and light rail lines.

Customers should purchase the following tickets from their bus Park & Ride origin:

- **Secaucus Junction** to Port Authority Bus Terminal, New York
- Customers should purchase a Secaucus – New York rail ticket, available on the NJ TRANSIT mobile app or from a Ticket Vending Machine (TVM) at Secaucus
- **PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel** to Port Authority Bus Terminal, New York (Academy)
- Customers should visit [academybus.com](https://academybus.com/) (<https://academybus.com/>) for ticket purchase information
- **Hamilton Rail Station** to Newark Penn Station PATH
- Customers should purchase a Hamilton – Newark rail ticket, available on the NJ TRANSIT mobile app or from a Ticket Vending Machine (TVM) at Hamilton
- **Woodbridge Center Mall** to Harrison PATH Station
- Customers should purchase a Woodbridge – Newark rail ticket on the NJ TRANSIT mobile app (Tickets must be purchased in the NJT Mobile App. No in-person or on-board ticket sales.)

Fares from the Secaucus, Woodbridge Center Mall and Hamilton regional Park & Rides are discounted from the existing rail fares from those locations. Adult, senior/disabled, and child fares will also be available, as follows:

ORIGIN	DESTINATION	ADULT ROUND TRIP FARE	SENIOR/DISABLED ROUND TRIP FARE	CHILD ROUND TRIP FARE
Secaucus Junction	Port Authority Bus Terminal	\$8.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
Woodbridge Center Mall	Harrison PATH Station	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Hamilton	Newark Penn Station	\$24.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
PNC Arts Ctr. (Operated by Academy; Discounts available via Academy mobile app)	New York	\$48.00 (paper/cash)	\$24.00 (paper/cash)	\$24.00 (paper/cash)

## Cross-Honoring

NJ TRANSIT rail tickets and passes will be cross-honored on all NJ TRANSIT bus and light rail lines.

**Important note: NJ TRANSIT tickets and passes will not be accepted for travel on Amtrak, PATH, PATCO, SEPTA, ferry or private carrier buses. Customers using these services must purchase separate fares from those service providers.**

For additional information on alternative services from specific rail stations please visit [njtransit.com/abc](https://www.njtransit.com/abc) (<https://www.njtransit.com/abc>) and click on your rail line to bring up your particular station.

## Web Site and Travel Information

NJ TRANSIT has created a special web page available at [njtransit.com/railstoppage](https://www.njtransit.com/railstoppage) (<https://www.njtransit.com/railstoppage>) with the latest travel information across modes.

Information on NJ TRANSIT's website is available in a variety of languages using Google Translate. To use a language other than English, click on "Select Language" at the upper right corner of the homepage and click on the language of your choice.

Customers may also access NJ TRANSIT's X (Twitter) feed at @NJTRANSIT or the service accounts listed below. Additionally, NJ TRANSIT will provide the most current service information via push notifications in the Mobile App and through the My Transit alert system ([www.njtransit.com/mytransit](https://www.njtransit.com/mytransit)) (<https://www.njtransit.com/mytransit>), which delivers travel advisories for your specific trip to your smartphone. Service information is also available by calling (973) 275-5555 (tel:+19732755555).

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