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Governor Murphy Calls on Port Authority to Build New AirTrain System at Newark Airport

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AirTrain replacement is a critical component of realizing future airport development

NEWARK – Governor Phil Murphy today visited Newark Liberty International Airport and stressed the urgent need for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to act quickly to fund a new AirTrain system. Currently, AirTrain moves about 33,000 riders per day between Newark Airport terminals, parking lots, car rental facilities, to public transportation and the Northeast Corridor Rail Link, transporting more than 11 million riders annually. However, the system is nearing the end of its useful life and is beyond capacity constraints. The current AirTrain also interferes with plans for future locations of terminals, roadways, and airfield taxi lanes.

"The current AirTrain was built over 20 years ago, and the system simply cannot function as it should, all-too-often leaving passengers delayed and airport personnel unable to get to work on time," **said Governor Murphy**. "With the development of the new Terminal One underway, we must continue to build infrastructure that can meet the world-class standards the new terminal will bring to Newark. That is why it is critical that the Port Authority leadership and Board of Commissioners act quickly to fund a replacement AirTrain that can meet the evolving needs of Newark Airport."

"The AirTrain is an integral link in a successful regional mobility solution," **said New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti**. "A modern, reliable air train connecting rail service on the Northeast Corridor to airport terminals gives travelers efficient travel options that reduce the need for single vehicle travel to and from one of the busiest airports in the country."

Governor Murphy also highlighted how a new AirTrain is critical as Newark Airport and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey looks toward plans for additional redevelopment of the airport.

"Newark Liberty International Airport is one of New Jersey's greatest economic engines and a gateway to the state and metropolitan region," **said Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole**. "The Port Authority is committed to ensuring the airport's facilities are world-class to meet passengers' 21st century needs and expectations."

"The Port Authority's ongoing \$2.7 billion effort to build a new Terminal One at Newark Liberty and ensure the highest level of customer service is part of the agency's extensive initiatives to improve our airports dramatically to provide a world-class experience for travelers," **said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton**. "Our vision is clear: Our airports must rival any other in the world and be welcoming gateways to the New York New Jersey metropolitan area."

A revitalization of the AirTrain and Newark Liberty International Airport stands to generate economic activity in the region by creating union construction jobs and more airport jobs as Newark Liberty's facilities continue to grow.

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