

Governor Phil Murphy

# Governor Murphy, NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kris Kolluri Announce Tentative Agreement with Locomotive Engineers Union

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**NEWARK** – Governor Phil Murphy and NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kris Kolluri today announced a tentative agreement with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen (BLET), ending a three-day rail stoppage. Regular weekday train service will resume with the start of the service day on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as it takes approximately 24 hours to inspect and prepare tracks, rail cars and other infrastructure before returning to full scheduled service. Contingency plans, including bus service from the four regional Park & Rides, will be in place and operating on Monday, May 19, 2025. NJ TRANSIT will continue to deploy customer ambassadors at stations and Park & Ride locations to assist customers as train service restarts.

"I am pleased to announce that we have reached a fair and fiscally responsible contract settlement that provides a generous wage increase for BLET members while saving taxpayers and customers the burden of fare increases," **said Governor Murphy**. "This agreement reflects the commitment of both the BLET and NJ TRANSIT to remain at the table engaging in productive conversations, and I commend them both. Most importantly, it ensures the resumption of rail service for the 100,000 people who depend on our rail system on a daily basis."

"I am pleased to join Governor Murphy to announce that we have reached a mutually acceptable agreement that is both fair for our locomotive engineers and affordable for our riders and New Jersey taxpayers. I want to thank our customers for their understanding and apologize for any inconvenience during this time, however, it was important to me to reach a deal that didn't require a significant fare increase," **said NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kris Kolluri**. "I appreciate the BLET leadership's collaboration at the bargaining table and continuing to negotiate in good faith to get to an agreement. I also want to recognize the thousands of NJ TRANSIT employees who stepped up during this time to support our customers and minimize the impacts to the greatest extent possible."

"I commend both sides for remaining at the bargaining table to solidify an agreement that not only benefits our hardworking locomotive engineers, but also remains a fiscally prudent contract," **said NJDOT Commissioner and NJ TRANSIT Board Chairman Fran O'Connor**. "We have seen just how critical our rail system is to our larger transportation network, and I am pleased that trains will be moving again shortly."

The tentative agreement must still be ratified by the members of the BLET, and approved by the NJ TRANSIT Board of Directors. Details of the contract provisions are not able to be released at this time to allow for the ratification process to occur. With a tentative agreement reached, the BLET has agreed to halt the strike and return to work in order for service to resume on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Rail cars and infrastructure must undergo safety inspections, movable bridges that were open must be closed into place and equipment must be at the proper locations to resume. NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations has immediately begun those efforts and is advancing them as quickly and safely as possible.

While those efforts continue, NJ TRANSIT's contingency plans will remain in effect including the four Park & Ride locations. Complete details of all contingency efforts can be found at [njtransit.com/restart](https://www.njtransit.com/restart) (<https://www.njtransit.com/restart>).

**NJ TRANSIT continues to strongly encourage employers to allow their employees to work from home if possible on Monday, May 19, 2025, limiting travel on the NJ TRANSIT system to essential purposes only until rail service resumes on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.**

## 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/) (<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

Pickup Location	Drop-Off Location	Hours of Operation (Weekdays Only)
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
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" in 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/>)), which delivers travel advisories for your specific trip to your smartphone. Service information is also available by calling (973) 275-5555.

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