

Governor Phil Murphy

Governor Murphy Joins NJ TRANSIT to Showcase Brand New Multilevel Rail Car

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174 New Rail Cars Will Help Mechanical Reliability

Vehicle Maximum Speed Will Increase to 110 Miles Per Hour

Latest Generation Features New Customer Amenities Such as USB Charging Ports

KEARNY, NJ – Governor Phil Murphy and NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kevin S. Corbett today previewed the next generation of multilevel rail cars, modernizing the fleet which will significantly improve reliability, capacity and customer comfort. The latest generation of multilevel rail cars was unveiled at an event at NJ TRANSIT's Meadows Maintenance Complex (MMC) in Kearny.

"Providing modern, reliable equipment is a critical component to improving New Jersey's infrastructure, particularly with regard to public transit," **said Governor Phil Murphy**. "These multilevel rail cars are equipped with innovative features that meet the everyday needs of our commuters. Upon their completion, these upgraded rail cars will expand access to reliable and comfortable transportation for NJ TRANSIT riders."

"These 174 new multilevel rail cars being unveiled today will enhance the experience for NJ TRANSIT riders by increasing capacity, utilizing cutting-edge technology, and ensuring the safety and reliability of New Jersey's transportation system," **said Senator Cory Booker**. "This investment to modernize our transit system along the busiest rail corridor in the country will encourage more New Jerseyans to opt for public transit over driving, resulting in reduced congestion and lower emissions across our state."

"Since day one of his administration, Governor Murphy has been committed to improving NJ TRANSIT to ensure New Jersey residents have a reliable public transit experience. Today marks another milestone in that mission," **said Senator George Helmy**. "These Multilevel III cars propel us into a new generation of NJ TRANSIT. The modern, state-of-the-art fleet will ensure customers who rely on this service daily have a faster, more comfortable, and convenient experience."

"With the purchase of these new multilevel rail cars, we're taking another step toward a more reliable, efficient, and modernized public transit system," **said Congressman Rob Menendez**. "Commuters deserve the best possible experience when traveling through our region, and I'm grateful that our federal and state leaders will continue partnering with NJ Transit to help make that a reality."

"The FTA is proud to support NJ TRANSIT as it introduces 174 new multi-level railcars into service," **said Michael Culotta, Regional Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration**. "The new fleet, supported by \$567.5 million in federal funds, includes state-of-the-art technologies providing improved accessibility, safety, and efficiency, which will leave an indelible mark on riders and align seamlessly with the goals of the FTA and the Biden-Harris Administration."

"As we unveil NJ TRANSIT's new Multilevel III rail cars, we are taking a significant step forward in sustainable transportation and government efficiency," **said Assemblyman Clinton Calabrese, Chair of the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee**. "These electric, self-propelled vehicles should not only enhance capacity and comfort for commuters but also significantly enhance mechanical reliability. Their energy efficiency and reduced emissions underscore our commitment to sustainability and minimizing environmental impact. By embracing this advanced technology, we are positioning New Jersey as a national leader in clean energy transportation, addressing both the immediate and long-term goals of a greener, more efficient, and more connected state."

"NJ TRANSIT is committed to improving every aspect of the customer journey, and the 174 new multilevel rail cars will help achieve that by significantly improving reliability, increasing capacity and enhancing the onboard experience," **said NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kevin S. Corbett**. "NJ TRANSIT is grateful to Governor Murphy, the New Jersey legislators and our partners at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for delivering the necessary funding to ensure our system continues to meet the growing demands of our region, and the expectations of our customers."

"Alstom is proud to help meet the vision and leadership of Governor Murphy and NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kevin Corbett to provide transit users in New Jersey with a more modern and comfortable ride," **said Alstom Vice President, Head of Rolling Stock David Van der Wee**. "Innovative new trains with 21st century amenities will give commuters, students, sports fans, every kind of NJ TRANSIT customer, the high-quality experience they have been demanding and deserve. Our employees in Upstate New York couldn't be prouder to deliver these new trains."

Governor Murphy and Corbett previewed the first of 174 Multilevel III cars during an event at the agency's Governor Murphy and Corbett previewed the first of 174 Multilevel III cars during an event at the agency's MMC in Kearny. They highlighted many of the new car's amenities, including USB charging ports and onboard information displays. The new cars, manufactured by Alstom Transportation in Plattsburgh, NY, will offer a range of benefits over the older, 40+ year-old single level cars they will replace, including dramatic improvement in mechanical reliability. The vehicle maximum speed will increase to 110 miles per hour. The cars, which will begin entering service mid-next year, will be compliant with the latest federal regulations, including Positive Train Control.

The Multilevel III Power Cars are Electric Multiple Units (EMUs), meaning they are self-propelled and don't require a separate locomotive. Electric motors are incorporated within one or a number of the vehicles on the train. They are the first of their kind in North America.

In December of 2018, the NJ TRANSIT Board of Directors approved a rail rolling stock vehicle procurement award to Bombardier Transit Corporation (now Alstom Transportation Inc.) for 113 Multilevel III rail vehicles to replace the single-level, self-propelled Arrow III rail vehicles manufactured more than 40 years ago. In February 2022, the NJ TRANSIT Board approved the purchase of an additional 25 Multilevel III vehicles. In July 2024, the Board approved the purchase of an additional 36 Multilevel III vehicles, bring the total number of new cars to 174 since 2018.

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