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#### **GOVERNOR TO CLIMB ABOARD AND CELEBRATE SUCCESS OF MIDTOWN DIRECT, HIGHLIGHT URGENT NEED FOR GREATER TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS**

Gov. Christie Whitman tomorrow will climb aboard NJ TRANSIT's MidTown DIRECT line to celebrate the line's successful second anniversary and highlight the urgent need for transportation improvements in New Jersey, including expanded rail service.

Gov. Whitman will board the 9:27 a.m. train at Summit Station and ride through to Broad Street in Newark. The Governor and Transportation Commissioner John Haley will talk with riders about the need for increased funding to enhance transit service such as MidTOWN DIRECT.

The Governor will highlight her proposal to invest \$30 billion in transportation improvements and expansions designed to ensure safe and efficient transportation for New Jersey commuters. The Governor's plan includes investments in the purchase of new rail cars and locomotives and the repair and improvement of rail stations - including several on the Morris and Essex Lines.