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GOVERNOR SAYS TRANSPORTATION VISION WILL HELP COUNTIES EXPAND TRANSIT SERVICES

Gov. Christie Whitman said today that her transportation vision, New Jersey FIRST, is designed to encourage counties to coordinate and expand community transportation programs as well as provide overall improvement to New Jersey's transportation system.

"New Jersey First will expand public transportation, repair highways and bridges, make roads and rails safer, relieve traffic jams, and encourage trucks to travel our highways instead of our byways," the Governor said in her keynote address at the 48th annual conference of the New Jersey Association of Counties.

"We will also empower counties to coordinate and expand community-based transit services," she said. "To achieve this we will develop a local aid program designed to help you provide more choices for those areas in your county that conventional transit services do not cover."

Under Gov. Whitman's New Jersey First proposal \$30 billion would be invested in urgently-needed transportation improvements and expansions.