

Christie Administration Delivers Update On NJ Transit Storm Damage

Tuesday, October 30, 2012 Tags: [Hurricane Sandy](#)

NEWARK, NJ — As part of the Christie Administration’s ongoing assessment of NJ TRANSIT infrastructure in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, the statewide transit agency continues to inspect facilities, infrastructure and equipment across all regions of the state. While this destructive and deadly storm is now gone, it has left behind long-term mechanical and operational challenges that NJ TRANSIT is working tirelessly to overcome. This will take time, and the blow delivered by Hurricane Sandy will continue to impact customers for days to come.

Due to significant damage across the State’s public transportation network, NJ TRANSIT rail, light rail and Access Link service will remain suspended until further notice. On Wednesday, October 31, NJ TRANSIT bus service will operate in Camden only, on a Saturday schedule.

NJ TRANSIT is advising customers of the following:

Bus Service:

Bus service will remain suspended until further notice, with the exception of limited service in Camden only.

NJ TRANSIT bus service will operate in Camden ONLY and on a regular, weekday schedule tomorrow, Wednesday, October 31, ONLY the following routes:

Full Service: Nos. 400, 401, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 410,412, 414, 418, 419 (with detour at Rancocas Creek), 450, 451, 452, 453, 455 (with detour between National Park and Paulsboro), 457, 459 and 463

Partial Service: Nos. 402, 409, 413, 419, 455

Note: The Walter Rand Transportation Center (WRTC) is closed due to no power.

Rail Service:

Rail service will remain suspended until further notice. There is currently no estimated time for resumption of service.

Rail customers are advised to seek alternate transportation because of significant storm damage.

Crews continue to inspect the rail infrastructure to get a full assessment of damage:

NJ TRANSIT’s Rail Operations Center—the central nervous system of the railroad—is engulfed in water, which has damaged backup power supply systems, the emergency generator, and the computer system that controls the movement of trains and power supply.

There are numerous downed trees across the rail system, which have caused damage to overhead wires and signal wires.

There are rail washouts across the system, including on the North Jersey Coast Line and Atlantic City Rail Line.

Several rail stations are flooded, including Hoboken Terminal.

Morgan Drawbridge on the North Jersey Coast Line in South Amboy sustained damage from boats and a trailer that collided into the bridge.

Light Rail Service:

Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, Newark Light Rail and River Line service will remain suspended until further notice. There is currently no estimated time for resumption of service.

Crews continue to inspect the light rail infrastructure to get a full assessment of damage.

Newark Light Rail sustained flooding in Newark Penn Station, as well as major debris damage between Newark Penn and Branch Brook Park stations.

Hudson-Bergen Light Rail experienced track washouts at Port Imperial and West Side Avenue stations, as well as trees in the overhead wire in Weehawken and flooding in Hoboken.

River Line sustained no significant damage to equipment or infrastructure; however, due to a loss of commercial power between Camden and Trenton, there is no power to operate the signals and switches.

Access Link:

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Access Link Paratransit Service will remain suspended until further notice. There is currently no estimated time for resumption of service.

Service Updates:

For the latest travel information, customers should listen to broadcast traffic reports, visit njtransit.com or access NJ TRANSIT's Twitter feed at [@NJ_TRANSIT](https://twitter.com/NJ_TRANSIT). Additionally, NJ TRANSIT will provide the most current service information via the My Transit alert system (www.njtransit.com/mytransit), which delivers travel advisories for your specific trip to your cell phone, PDA or pager. Service information is also available by calling (973) 275-5555.

About NJ TRANSIT

NJ TRANSIT is the nation's largest statewide public transportation system providing more than 895,000 weekday trips on 261 bus routes, three light rail lines, 12 commuter rail lines and through Access Link paratransit service. It is the second largest transit system in the country with 164 rail stations, 61 light rail stations and more than 19,000 bus stops linking major points in New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia.

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