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Christie Administration Announces Another Free Bus/Ferry Option for the Trans-Hudson Commute

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Meadowlands-Weehawken-Midtown Manhattan Service Offers More Relief

Trenton, NJ - The Christie Administration announced this afternoon that NJ TRANSIT and NY Waterway are offering another Trans-Hudson option for New Jersey residents to help them through the effects of Hurricane Sandy. On Thursday, November 8th, a free weekday emergency shuttle bus shuttle-ferry service will operate between the Meadowlands Park & Ride, Weehawken Ferry Terminal and Pier 79 at West 39th Street in Manhattan.

Customers will board shuttle buses at Meadowlands/MetLife Stadium lots "J" and "K." While boarding, customers will be given two ferry tickets. Upon arrival in Weehawken, customers will use one ferry ticket for the trip to New York; the second ticket will be used for the return ferry trip from New York to Weehawken. Buses will then transport customers back to the Meadowlands Park & Ride.

The service will operate weekdays between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. (inbound) and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (outbound).

The region's mass transit network suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Sandy late last month. NJ TRANSIT is in the process of rebuilding much of its rail and light rail network that was severely damaged during the hurricane. The new shuttle bus/ferry service continues to supplement existing bus service, very limited rail service and other emergency bus and ferry Trans-Hudson services that have been implemented since the storm.

Customer Tips

The following tips are offered for customers traveling around the region:

Customers utilizing NJ TRANSIT rail or regular NJ TRANSIT bus service are encouraged to consider traveling during off-peak periods to avoid crowds and potential delays.

Customers can expect delays, detours and other challenges during the system restoration and recovery process.

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.

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.

Automated 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 third largest transit system in the country with 164 rail stations, 60 light rail stations and more than 19,000 bus stops linking major points in New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia.

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