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RIDE GUIDE

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About NJ TRANSIT...

NJ TRANSIT, the first separate State agency devoted exclusively to public transit, was created by State law last year and conducted its first meeting on December 11, 1979, formally replacing the 13-year-old Commuter Operating Agency (COA) in the Department of Transportation.

NJ TRANSIT has the power to contract with private carriers or counties for transit service, to operate service directly and to acquire a private carrier when it is deemed to be in the public interest.

NJ TRANSIT owns 486 miles of railroad track, 107 locomotives, 969 rail passenger cars and more than 130 rail stations — the nation's largest commuter rail system. It owns 1,637 buses, which are leased at nominal cost to private carriers.

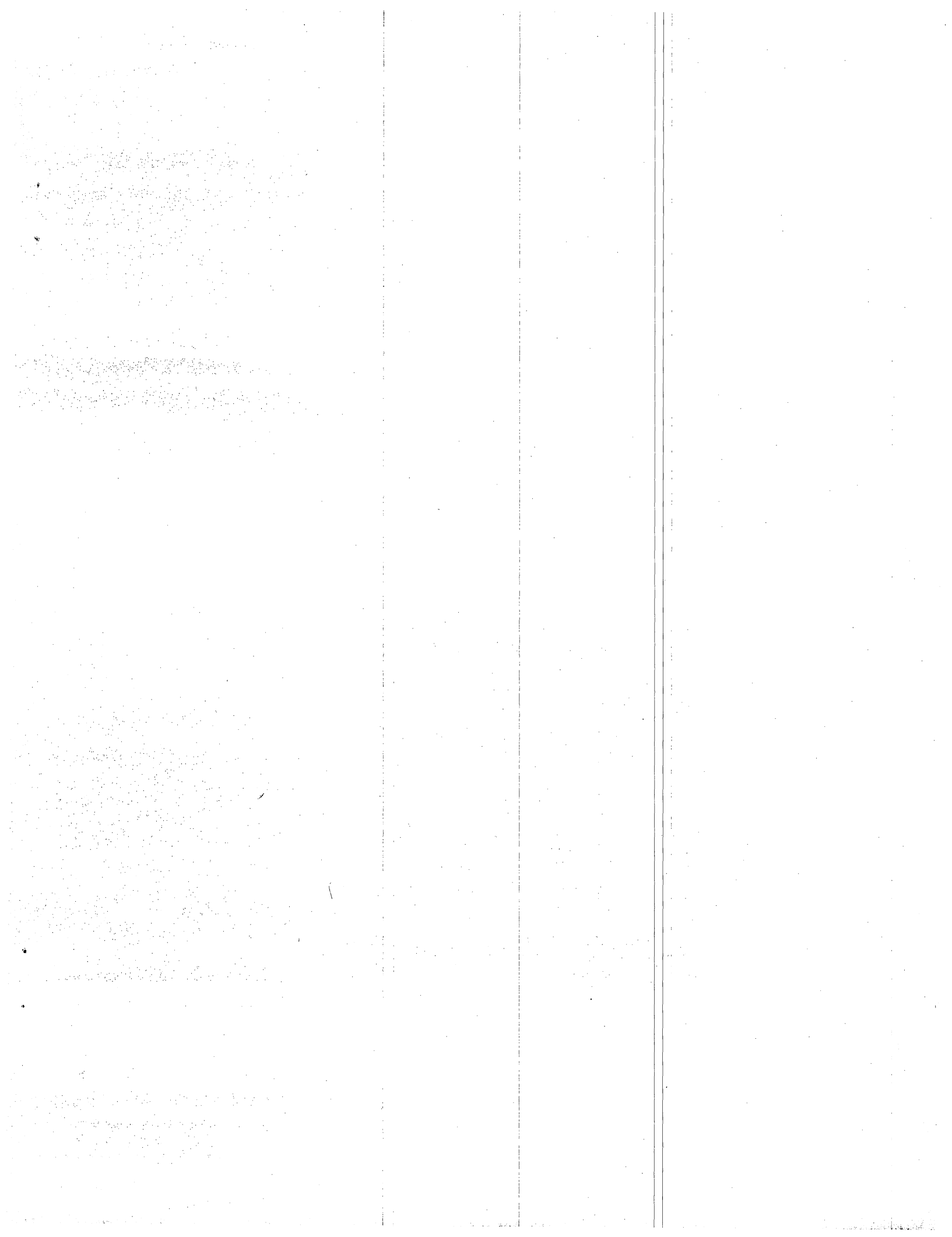
The rail system carries more than 75,000 passengers daily and is operated by Conrail under contract with NJ TRANSIT. The more than 20 bus carriers under contract serve over 325,000 passengers daily providing 80 percent of all bus service in New Jersey.

NJ TRANSIT's seven-member Board of Directors is composed, by law, of four public members and three members from State government. All four current public members are regular transit commuters.

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Go easy on yourself with public transit

Your tax dollars help support one of the Nation's most extensive — and useful — public transportation networks. Daily, thousands of buses and passenger trains serve hundreds of routes and places in New Jersey!

As a result, many hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans — just like you — ride transit. They know it's far more economical, more relaxing and frequently faster than driving... and a sure way to beat soaring gasoline prices.

If you're ready to join your neighbors aboard transit but don't know how, read on — Ride Guide is for you. It explains the how, why, where and when of transit riding. It also describes transportation programs for the elderly, handicapped and others with special mobility needs.

As with good things, public transit in New Jersey is changing — and for the better! That's because the State Legislature created a public corporation, NJ TRANSIT... to build for the first time a truly coordinated bus and rail system in New Jersey.

For now, this guide will help you use the system we have today.

Louis J. Gambaccini
Chairman, Board of Directors
NJ TRANSIT

GUIDE TO RIDE GUIDE

New Jersey Ride Guide is chock full of useful information to help you make better use of public transit.

How to ride the bus _____ Page 4

If you've hesitated to ride the bus because such questions as, Where do I catch a bus? Which bus? How do I pay? and How much do I pay? are mysteries, then read this section.

How to ride the train _____ Page 7

Those same questions... but for train travel... are answered here.

Services for elderly, handicapped and students _____ Page 9

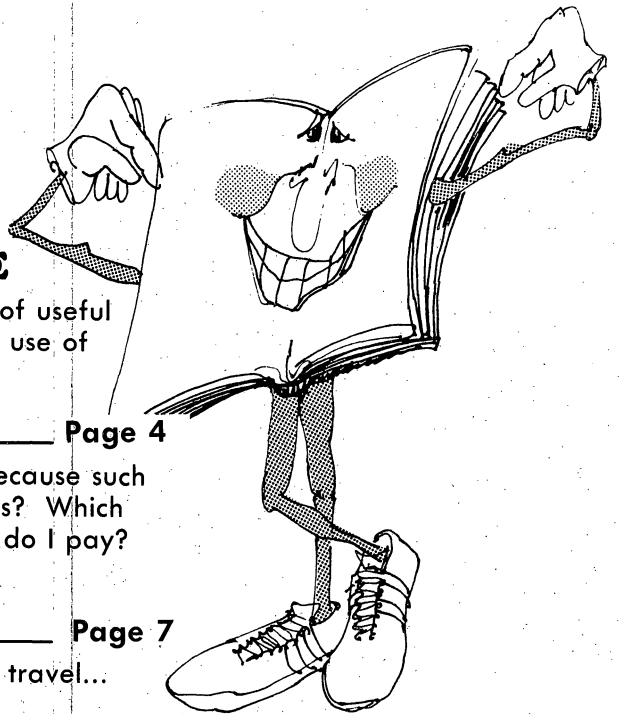
If you're 62 or over, handicapped, a student or have other special transportation needs, this section is for you.

Where to call for information _____ Page 9

This is an up-to-date listing of just about all the phone numbers you'll need to find your way around New Jersey by public transit. (Every number was checked just before publication, but phone numbers do change.)

What goes where in the counties __ Page 13

Here's a brief rundown on the major local and long distance bus and rail services in each of the 21 New Jersey counties. Use this section to find out what public transportation services are available where you live.



Thank you!

Preparing Ride Guide for the hundreds of bus and rail services and routes in New Jersey was a tough task...one that took the help and cooperation of many people and organizations throughout the state. Particular thanks go to county and local transportation officials, the County Transportation Association, New Jersey Department of Transportation, and the many present and potential transit riders just like you who contributed.

We've tried very hard to make your Ride Guide as complete, accurate and useful as possible. However, because the wealth of information in it comes from many sources, errors or omissions are possible. So please call errors, changes or omissions to our attention.

We welcome and appreciate your comments.
Send them to:

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Trenton, NJ 08625

HOW TO RIDE THE BUS

Where buses run

There are so many bus routes throughout the state that it's impossible to put them all on one map. So Ride Guide's bus map gives just a bird's eye view of major routes. For information on local service, turn first to the summaries of where buses run in each county. If you need more specific information, use the telephone listings to get details on pickup points.

Where to catch a bus

The best place to catch a bus is at a stop marked with a bus stop sign. That's often easier said than done because there are several kinds of bus stop signs in New Jersey. Some of the more common signs are shown in Ride Guide.

In some areas, bus stops are marked with signs that say "no parking — bus stop." Sometimes stops are indicated by a color band painted on a pole or markings on the street pavement.

Some routes do not have any bus stop signs. If there are no bus stop signs along your route, just stand at a street corner and wave to the bus as it approaches so the driver can see you.

Catching the right bus

Most buses look pretty much alike. So when a bus approaches your stop, check the sign over the windshield. The sign usually will tell you the route number or letter and the route destination or both.

Some bus signs may also tell you what major street the bus travels over to get to the final destination. For example, it may say "via So and So Street." Many buses also have a small sign on the side near the front door. It helps you identify the bus from the side.

Occasionally, you will find bus stop signs where buses no longer run. If in doubt, call for information.

What you pay

Bus fares depend on two things: Who you are dealing with and how far you will go. The "who" is the bus company. Fares are set under governmental rules and are as low as possible. But not all bus companies have the same operating cost so fares will vary.

The "how far" part is the distance you travel. On many lines, distance is measured in fare "zones." Under this system, if you ride in just

one zone, you pay only the basic one-zone fare. If you enter a second zone, you pay a little more. And so on.

The one-zone fare may be posted at the front of the bus by the door. The longer commuter trips cost more because these rides often cross several fare zones.

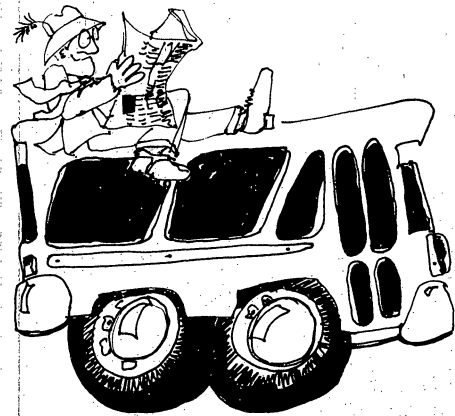
If you must ride more than one bus to get where you are going, ask the driver for a transfer. Some companies provide them while others don't. Check with your bus company.

How you pay

This varies too. Usually you just step aboard the bus and put your money into the box — the farebox — by the driver. If the driver has his hand over the farebox that means you pay when you get off.

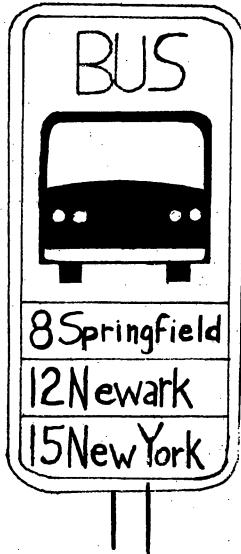
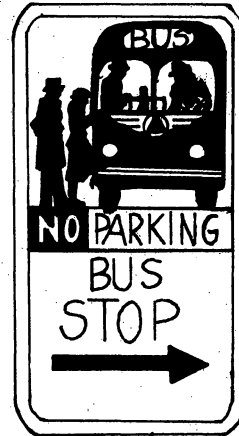
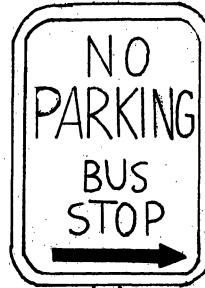
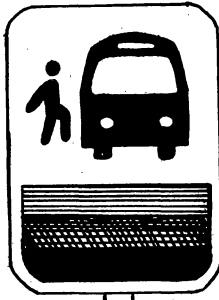
For some bus services, you must buy your ticket in advance. This includes many long distance commuter buses leaving from New York's Port Authority bus terminal.

Some buses have a special cash register by the driver. He will take your fare and give you a receipt. You return the receipt to him when you get off the bus. On a few routes, you may have to pay a fare when you get on and another when you get off because you've travelled in more than one zone.



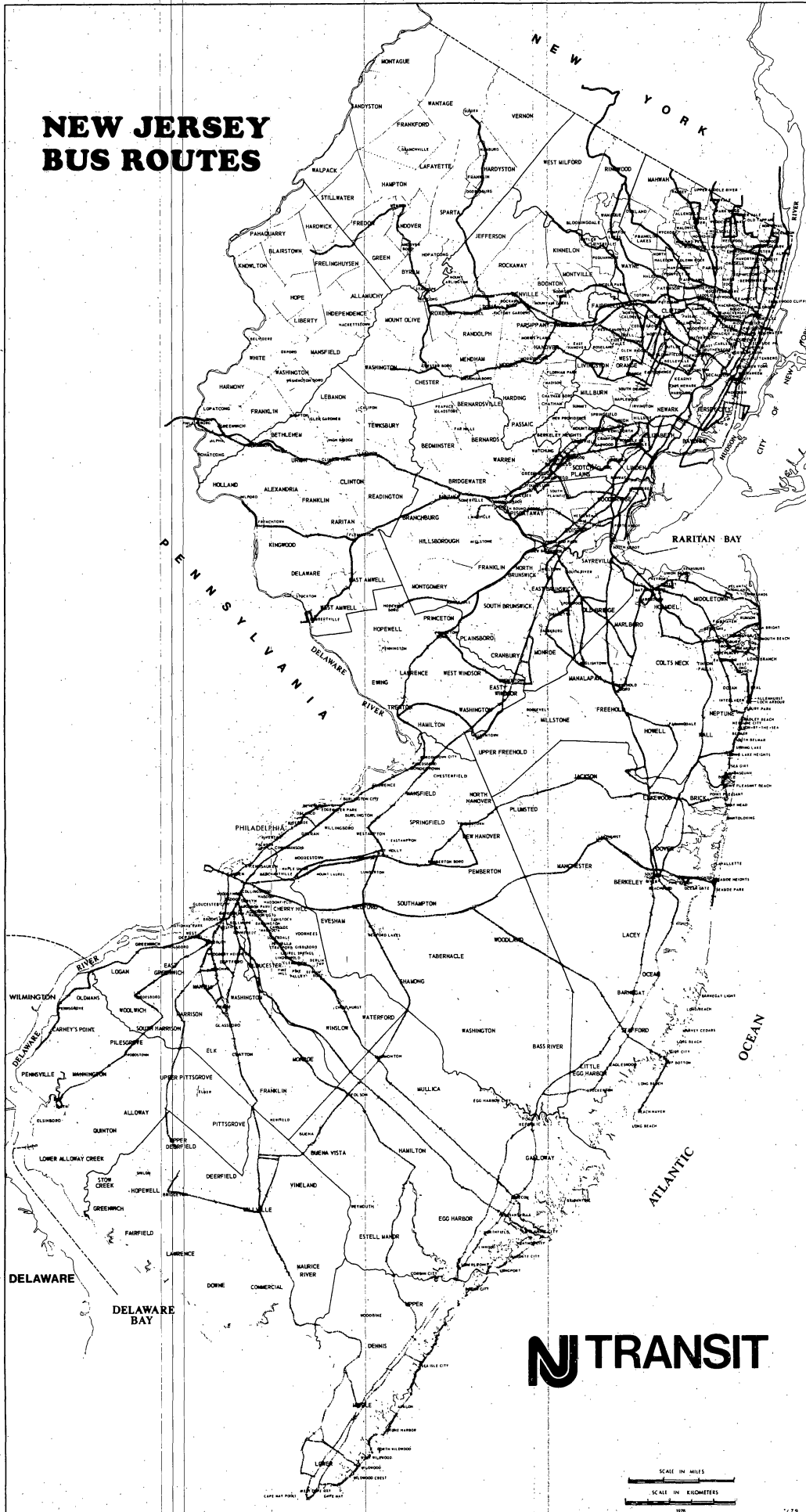
Have exact fare ready

Bus drivers do not carry money or make change on most bus routes, especially city lines. This is for security reasons but also speeds up boarding — so you can get moving faster. Anyway, you'll be expected to pay the extra fare when you board. If you don't know the fare, have some assorted change ready.

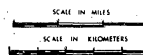


NEW JERSEY BUS STOP SIGNS

NEW JERSEY BUS ROUTES



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Riding the bus

This is the best part — just sit back, relax and read or nap. While doing so remember state law forbids smoking on all New Jersey buses. Also prohibited on buses are eating and playing a radio without an earplug. These rules protect everyone's right to a comfortable ride.

Getting off the bus

Most buses have either a signal cord located above the windows or a push type buzzer strip. To get off, pull the cord or press the buzzer strip about a half-block before your destination or stop. A signal will alert the driver to stop. On buses with two doors, leave by the rear door unless otherwise instructed.

HOW TO RIDE THE TRAIN

Where the trains run

New Jersey has an extensive passenger rail system with 14 lines serving 15 counties. There also are two rapid transit systems which connect with New York and Philadelphia as well as New Jersey bus and rail lines. All of the stations are shown on Ride Guide's rail map, so you can see if there's one in your area.



NJ TRANSIT owns the passenger rail system but has hired Conrail to run the trains. That's why trains are often called "Conrail trains."

Two different independent public agencies own rapid transit systems: The Port Authority of New

York and New Jersey operates PATH rapid transit trains from Hoboken, Newark and other area points to midtown and downtown Manhattan. The Delaware River Port Authority operates PATCO High Speed Line trains between Camden area suburbs and Center City Philadelphia.

The passenger rail system is divided into three groups of lines, depending on where the trains begin and end their runs. Trains from the northerly parts of the state end at Hoboken Terminal, where connections can be made with PATH trains and many bus routes; those serving the central section end at Newark or New York, and trains from southern shore points connect at the Camden suburb of Lindenwold with PATCO trains.

The rail system also offers quick and economical connections with long-distance Amtrak trains, intercity and local buses and with a bus shuttle, called Airlink, to Newark International Airport.

If you need more information, check the phone listings for the type of train or transit service in which you're interested.

When the trains run

Every day, more than 500 trains operate on NJ TRANSIT's passenger rail system. For the most part, they run during the morning and evening rush hours on weekdays. Some lines have midday and evening service. Weekend and holiday service also is available on some routes.

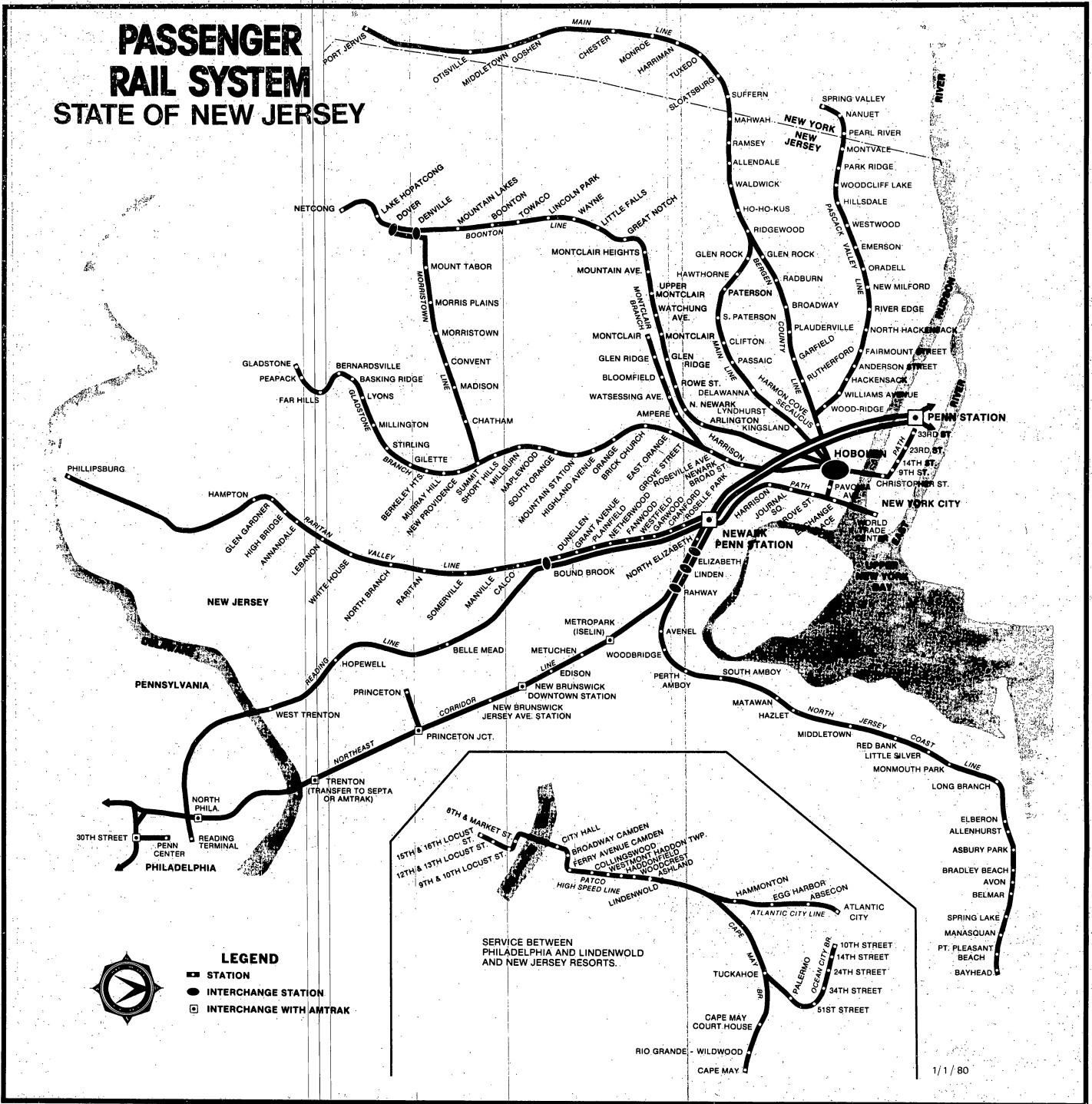
Schedules are changed from time to time to improve service, so if you're planning a train trip, it's best to check first at your station or call NJ TRANSIT's rail information center toll free at 800-242-0212.

What it costs

That depends on how far and how often you ride. Regular commuters can purchase a money-saving special monthly ticket. These offer big savings over regular one-way fare and provide unlimited travel between specified points for the entire month. One-day roundtrip, one-week and 10-trip tickets are also available on many lines.

You can purchase tickets at train stations or on the train. But if a ticket agent is on duty at your station, it will cost you more to buy your ticket on the train. Commuters can buy monthly tickets through the mail by using a service called Mail Tik. See ticket agent or telephone for details.

PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM STATE OF NEW JERSEY



SERVICES FOR ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED AND STUDENTS

Persons who qualify as handicapped or are elderly can participate in several special transportation programs. This includes a state-sponsored reduced fare travel plan.

Under the state reduced fare plan, elderly and handicapped persons who are registered can travel for half fare during offpeak hours on New Jersey buses and trains. Offpeak hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. weekdays and all day Saturday, Sunday and state holidays.

If you are 62 or older, you can apply for the reduced fare program at any New Jersey bank or savings and loan company office. You can also apply at your local County Office on Aging. In some counties, you can also apply at the County Transportation Office. When you apply, bring with you your Social Security card and proof of age, such as a birth certificate, driver's license or any legal document.

Handicapped persons can receive a reduced fare plan application by writing to: Ridership Development Department, NJ TRANSIT, 1035 Parkway Avenue, P.O. Box 101, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. You can also call us at 609-292-3450 for more information.

Many communities also provide special transportation for residents who cannot ride regular buses and trains because of disabilities. Some special services are also available to other people who do not have access to regular transit services. To find out about these services in your area, contact your County Planning Board. You'll find their telephone numbers listed in the White Pages under the name of your county.

Some public transportation vehicles and stations are also designed to make them accessible to handicapped persons. Check with transportation carriers for details.

Reduced fare tickets are available to elementary and secondary school students. For information, check with your local school board or bus company.

WHERE TO CALL FOR INFORMATION

There is a wide range of public transportation telephone information services available in New Jersey to help you get where you're going. Bus companies, transit agencies and county governments offer information on routes, fares and schedules.

The list of phone numbers is long, and one of NJ TRANSIT's main goals is to whittle the list down to just one number so that one call does it all. Meanwhile, some of these numbers can be helpful.

County Information Numbers

Many county governments have special transit information numbers...to make it easier for you to determine which transit carrier or line serves you. They are generally open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

<u>County</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Bergen	201-488-0840
Burlington	609-267-3300 Ext. 5061
Camden	609-757-8620
Gloucester	609-468-4300 609-694-4300
Hunterdon	201-788-1369 Ext. 369
Mercer	609-396-9171
Middlesex	201-BUS-3333
Monmouth	201-780-1121 Weekdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Morris	201-285-6145
Passaic	201-278-3400
Somerset	201-725-4700 Ext. 202
Sussex	201-383-2820
Union	201-527-4222

Transportation Companies and Services

Many different companies or agencies provide public transportation services in New Jersey. Here's a list of their telephone numbers to call for route, schedule and fare information. All "800" numbers are toll-free.

NJ TRANSIT: NJ TRANSIT's rail information center, operated by Conrail, is open daily from 6 a.m. to midnight.

Anywhere in New Jersey	800-242-0212
New York City	212-736-6000
Orange & Rockland Counties, NY	800-526-8007
Commuter Relations Office	201-648-6560

Transport of New Jersey (TNJ): Operates a majority of New Jersey's local and long-distance buses. It's information center also is open daily.

Anywhere in New Jersey	800-772-2222
New York City	212-732-6751
Greater Philadelphia	215-569-3100

PATH: Operates rapid transit system linking Newark, Jersey City, Hoboken, Harrison with midtown Manhattan and the World Trade Center. Call anytime:

New Jersey	201-963-2558
New York City	212-466-7649

Port Authority: Runs bus terminals in Manhattan and Jersey City. Provides information 24 hours a day about buses operating in and out of them.

New Jersey	201-659-8823
New York City	212-564-8484

(Bergen County residents may find it convenient to call George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal at 212-564-1114)

MTA: Operates New York City buses, subways and the Long Island Rail Road. Call 212-330-1234. For the Long Island Rail Road call 212-739-4200.

Airlink: Operates shuttle coach service 18 hours a day between Newark International Airport, Penn Station and Broad Street Station in downtown Newark. Call 201-961-2047

PATCO: Operates rapid transit line between Lindenwold via Camden to 16th and Locust Streets in center city Philadelphia.

New Jersey	609-963-8300
Philadelphia	215-922-4600

SEPTA: Operates the greater Philadelphia area's public transit system.

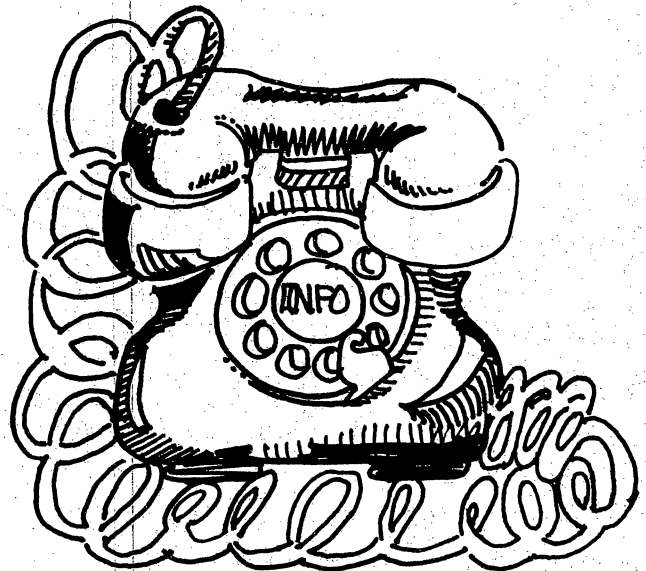
215-329-4800

See also Philadelphia Yellow Pages for rapid transit and regional commuter lines.

Amtrak: Provides intercity train service to Boston, Washington, D.C., and other cities from Trenton, Newark, other New Jersey cities.

Anywhere in New Jersey	800-523-5700
New York City	212-736-4545
Philadelphia	215-824-1600
For deaf persons, New Jersey teletype number	800-523-6590

Greyhound and Trailways: Operate buses between many New Jersey communities and much of the nation, especially the East. See your local phone book for numbers.



Other Companies: Many other bus companies operate local and long-distance service in the state. Here's a list of the companies, numbers to call for information, and the location of the information number. They'll give you an indication of where the company operates. These numbers were correct at publication time, but are changing constantly . . . check with the telephone operator if you are in doubt. All numbers are in the 201 area unless shown otherwise.

Company	Location Information	Telephone
A & C Bus	Jersey City	201-434-5599
Aro Coaches	Linden	201-862-7277
Arrow Bus	Garfield	201-772-6228
Asbury Park-NY Transit	Asbury Park	201-774-2727
Atlantic City Transp.	Atlantic City	609-345-3201
Bay View Bus	South Amboy	201-721-1578
Bergen Avenue Bus	Jersey City	201-433-8248
Beviano Chartered Service	Linden	201-486-2505
Boonton Trolley	Boonton	201-335-2400
Boro Buses	Red Bank	201-741-0567
Boulevard Bus	Bayonne	201-339-0023
Broadway-Bayonne Bus	Bayonne	201-339-4848
Carefree Bus Lines	Bloomfield	201-748-0018
Carey Bus	New York City	212-632-0500
Central Avenue Bus	Jersey City	201-434-6157
Central Jersey Bus	Linden	201-486-6603
City of Ocean City	Ocean City	609-399-5098
Cherry Hill Transit	Cherry Hill	609-424-1477
Clinton Avenue Bus	Newark	201-243-1200
Colonial Coach	Morristown	201-538-4300,
Community Transit Lines	Passaic	201-473-6230
Consolidated Shore Lines	Elmwood Park	201-797-6100
Continental Trailways	See your local phone book	
DeCamp Bus Lines	Montclair	201-783-7500
Delaware River Coach Lines	Phillipsburg	201-859-1125
Domenico Bus	Bayonne	201-339-6000
Downtown Bus	Jersey City	201-653-0444
Drogin Bus	Jersey City	201-339-0022, 0345
Elizabeth Transit	Elizabeth	201-352-1686
Eliz-Un.-Hillside-Irv.	Hillside	201-373-1805
Fairslawn Transp.	Paterson	201-742-0399
Five Mile Beach Electric Railway	Wildwood	609-522-7721
Garden State Coachways	Bridgeton	609-451-2084
Garden State Transit	Rockaway Township	201-627-6488
Garfield & Passiac Transit	Garfield	201-478-4242
Greyhound	See your local phone book	
Hudson Bus Transp.	Jersey City	201-653-2220
Hudson Transit Lines	Mahwah	201-529-3666
Intercity Bus	Call TNJ toll-free	800-772-2222
Jitneyman's Assoc. of A.C.	Atlantic City	609-344-8642
Journal Square Bus Terminal	Jersey City	201-659-8823

Lafayette-Greenville	Jersey City	201-432-8046
Lakeland Bus	Dover	201-366-0600
Leisure Time Tours	Mahwah	201-529-4070
Leo Transit	Elizabeth	201-352-1686
Lincoln Transit	Lakewood	201-363-1616
Manhattan Transit	Elmwood Park	201-777-1212
Maplewood Equipment	Call TNJ toll-free	800-772-2222
Mercer Metro	Trenton	609-396-9171
Middlesex Bus	East Brunswick	201-846-2828, 201-257-6400
Monmouth Bus Lines	Neptune City	201-774-7780
Montgomery-Westside	Jersey City	201-434-9875
Morris County Metro	Morristown	201-285-6145
Newark-N. Orange Bus	Newark	201-243-1200
NY-Keansburg-Long Branch	Leonardo	201-291-1300
Northeast Coach	Call TNJ toll-free	800-772-2222
North & South Jersey Bus	Elizabeth	201-339-6000
North Newark Bus	Newark	201-482-7172
No. 22 Hillside Bus	Hoboken	201-436-2700
Orange & Black Bus	Call TNJ toll-free	800-772-2222
Passaic-Athenia Bus	Clifton	201-777-2727
Plainfield Transit	Plainfield	201-757-2435
Real Transit	Rockaway	201-627-6488
Red & Tan Lines/ Rockland Coaches	Bergenfield	201-384-2400
Salem County Transit	Salem	609-769-2888
Short Line Bus	Mahwah	201-529-3666
Somerset Bus	Mountainside	201-232-2030
SEPTA	Philadelphia	215-329-4800
South Hudson Boulevard Bus	Bayonne	201-339-0023
South Orange Avenue	Irvington	201-372-6599
Springfield Avenue Bus	Maplewood	201-761-9805
Starr Transit	Trenton	609-587-0626
Suburban Transit	New Brunswick	201-249-1100
Trackless Transit	East Orange	201-674-1800
Trailways	See your local phone book	
Villani Bus	Linden	201-862-3333
Warwick Transit	Call TNJ toll-free	800-772-2222
Washington Street Bus	Little Ferry	201-641-5297
Watchung Mountain Transit	Berkeley Heights	201-464-7811
West Hunterdon Transit	Flemington	201-782-6313



WHAT GOES WHERE ATLANTIC COUNTY

The county has extensive local and long distance public transportation.

Local Service

Atlantic City Transportation Company operates seven basic routes in Atlantic City and surrounding communities. They serve the downtown area, casino/resort district, major shopping malls, schools and residential zones. Exact fare is required.

Jitneys operate along Pacific Avenue and serve most of the Boardwalk area. Service is frequent. Many cabs also are available, while some carriers provide shuttle service for registered guests. Check with your casino/hotel for details.

Long-distance Service

Atlantic City has bus service to nearby shore communities, Camden, Philadelphia, New York City, Newark, and many other points. Bus operators include Transport of New Jersey (TNJ), Lincoln Transit, and Trailways. Most long-distance buses operate from the Municipal Bus Terminal located on Arkansas Avenue at the end of the Atlantic City Expressway. The terminal is an easy two-block walk from the Boardwalk.

Conrail operates weekday commuter rail service for NJ TRANSIT between Atlantic City and the PATCO rapid transit station in the Camden suburb of Lindenwold. There, commuters can catch the PATCO line to Camden and Center City Philadelphia.

BERGEN COUNTY

Area residents looking for a carfree way to travel will find the county well-served by public transportation. Additionally, the local government has taken several steps to improve transit in the county and make it easier to use. Here is information to get you going.

Local Transit Services

Operating throughout much of the county is the Freeholder-sponsored "B-Line Network." It consists of bus routes that run solely within the county and is ideal for local travel. For

example, "B" route buses can take you to local jobs, government offices, parks, schools, shopping centers, and other popular destinations. Many other bus companies also provide service within the county and to points outside the county.

Intercity Service

Travelers bound for New York have several public transportation options. For starters, there is bus service to Manhattan via either the George Washington Bridge or the Lincoln Tunnel. Trains run from area towns on several routes to Hoboken. From Hoboken, passengers can take PATH transit to Manhattan.

Travelers can also ride the PATH system to Newark's Penn Station — and connect to a wide variety of transportation services. This includes Amtrak trains, Greyhound buses and NJ TRANSIT trains that serve the Shore, central New Jersey and other points.

Call for Help!

Since many carriers serve Bergen County, it is often difficult knowing who to call for detailed information. Your best bet is to first call the Bergen County Board of Transportation's transit information number.

The Board also publishes an excellent Bergen County Transportation Map and Guide. You can pick up a copy at their 29 Linden Street office in Hackensack.

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Public transportation is available in many areas of the county.

Local and Regional Service

Transport of New Jersey (TNJ) operates several bus routes here. They provide local service along highway Routes 130, 206, 38, 537, and other streets. They also connect with the PATCO High Speed Line at Haddonfield. TNJ runs nonstop express service between the Willingboro Plaza Shopping Center and downtown Philadelphia and Trenton. The company also operates buses from Fort Dix through Pemberton, Mount Holly, and Camden to Philadelphia. There is a cross-county route between Burlington City and Mount Holly, and service is available to Asbury Park.

Long-distance Service

Garden State Coachways runs buses to Bridgeton and New York City from a terminal at New Jersey Turnpike Exit 5. Trailways operates New York City and Camden/Philadelphia buses from the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge at Exit 4. Mercer Metro provides service between the Fort Dix/McGuire Air Force Base complex and downtown Trenton. Greyhound has a bus station in Bordentown and service to New York, Washington, D. C., and many other points.

Call for Help — and a Map!

A good source for transit information is the Burlington County Planning Board. Ask for a copy of their free Burlington/Camden/Gloucester transit map. Or write Director, Burlington County Planning Board, 49 Rancocas Road, Mount Holly, New Jersey 08060. Or call TNJ toll free at 800-772-2222 for schedule information.

CAMDEN COUNTY

Good public transportation is available throughout most of Camden County.

Local Service

Most major streets have bus service which is provided by Transport of New Jersey (TNJ). Most of its routes converge on downtown Camden. But TNJ also runs express buses to several places in downtown Philadelphia. Some TNJ routes connect with the PATCO High Speed Line, which links Lindenwold with Center City Philadelphia via intermediate stations at Ashland, Woodcrest, Haddonfield, Westmont, Collingswood, and Camden. For local transit information, call TNJ toll free at 800-772-2222.

Long-distance Service

Camden County has both bus and train long distance service. There is train service from PATCO's Lindenwold station to Atlantic City, Ocean City and Cape May. Service is infrequent, so call NJ TRANSIT for detailed information. As for buses, TNJ runs from downtown Camden and other local stops to Atlantic City, and other popular shore points. TNJ also has summer weekend service to the shore from PATCO's Lindenwold station. Trailways operates long-distance buses from a terminal on Cooper Street, Camden.

Call for Help — and a Map!

Call carriers for schedule, route, and fare information. You can also get a free transit map by calling the Camden County Transportation Planner. Or write to him at the Planning Department, County Administration Building, 600 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102.

CAPE MAY COUNTY

The developed areas of Cape May, especially seashore communities, have basic public transit.

Local Service

Local bus service is operated between Cape May, Wildwood, Ocean City, and Atlantic City by Transport of New Jersey (TNJ) on its 102 route. The Five Mile Beach bus line runs local service between Wildwood-North Wildwood, and Wildwood Crest-Angelsea. Tram service is available on some boardwalks.

Long-distance Service

TNJ operates buses from the area to New York City, Philadelphia, and many intermediate points. Call TNJ for details at 800-772-2222 toll free. Commuter rail service is available between Ocean City and Cape May to the PATCO High Speed Line station in Lindenwold. There commuters can take rapid transit trains to Center City Philadelphia. Connecting bus service is available between Wildwood and the Rio Grande train station. For train information, call NJ TRANSIT's information center toll free at 800-242-0212.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Bus service in the county is concentrated on Routes 47 (Delsea Drive), 555 (Main Road), and 77. Transport of New Jersey (TNJ) buses will stop on a signal along these highways.

Buses run from Vineland, Millville, and Bridgeton to Camden and Philadelphia and, in the other direction, to Wildwood and Cape May. Travelers bound for Philadelphia can ride some buses direct to that city or transfer to the PATCO High Speed Line in Camden. The line operates to Center City Philadelphia.

Garden State Coachways operates buses between Bridgeton and New York City. Travelers can also board at Buena, Millville, and Vineland. Trailways buses serve Vineland

and run to Atlantic City and Wilmington, Baltimore, and other points.

ESSEX COUNTY

Newark - County's Transportation Heart!

Motorists looking for a better way to get around will find plenty of public transportation in the area.

Bus, train, and subway routes blanket the county. But Newark also is the region's transportation hub with excellent transit service in all directions. Buses and trains, for instance run direct to New York City, the Shore, central or western New Jersey, and many other popular destinations.

What's more, using the area's public transportation is often cheaper, faster and more convenient than driving. That applies to long distance as well as local trips. Here's information to get you going:

Buses, Subway Form Local System

Buses provide most of the public transportation within the county. Virtually every major street, for example, has local bus service with most routes converging on downtown Newark. There the routes usually terminate along Broad Street near the Public Service Building, or at Penn Station in Raymond Plaza.

Other bus routes cut across the county and Newark, making travel in all directions possible by transferring. Some county residents might find the bus terminal in Irvington handy for this purpose since many bus lines meet there. On the north side, several bus routes connect with the city's subway line.

The subway streetcars operate on a private right of way. By using the subway line, travelers can quickly reach the Newark college complex, downtown, or Penn Station. An added feature of the subway is a special downtown zone with a low fare — making it ideal for shopping or short business trips.

As for amount of service, most local bus routes have frequent, daily service. This is particularly true for those in Newark and other heavily populated areas. Suburban routes tend to have morning to late afternoon service and sometimes only rush hour trips.

The basic bus fare is 45 cents for most bus routes with zone charges added for longer rides. Transfers are provided on many lines.

Who Runs Local Services

Operating the subway and the majority of area bus routes is Transport of New Jersey (TNJ). That makes the company's toll free number, 800-772-2222, a good starting place for transit information.

Several smaller bus companies also operate important bus routes in the county. Additionally, a number of independent bus owner associations provide bus service within the county, especially Newark. They often have different fares and transfer policies so it is a good idea to check with them before you travel.

Regional Commuter Trains Available

Running through the county are several NJ TRANSIT rail lines. Operated by Conrail, the rail routes end at Hoboken or at Newark's Penn Station at Raymond Plaza, where travelers can catch PATH rapid transit trains to New York.

One route is the Boonton Line, which runs from Netcong in Morris County to Hoboken. Within Essex County, the line has stations in Montclair, Glen Ridge, Bloomfield, Belleville, and North Newark.

Another route is the Morristown Line, which starts in Dover and operates via Morristown and Maidson to Newark's Broad Street Station and on to Hoboken. Other Essex County stations are Short Hills, Millburn, Maplewood and the Oranges. The Gladstone Branch of this line operates via the Bernardsville-Basking Ridge area of Somerset County where many office complexes are located. The line's Montclair Branch serves Glen Ridge and Bloomfield in addition to Montclair.

Penn Station — The Place to Go

In addition to the many bus routes that converge here, Newark's Penn Station is a key point for Conrail-operated NJ TRANSIT trains serving the Shore and central New Jersey.

The North Jersey Coast Line runs between Penn Station and Bay Head in Ocean County. Stops along the way include Elizabeth, Rahway, Red Bank, Long Branch, Asbury Park, Bradley Beach, Belmar, Manasquan and Point Pleasant Beach.

Trains serving Trenton operate out of Penn Station on the Northeast Corridor Line. Their stops include Elizabeth, Linden, Rahway, Metropark in Iselin, Metuchen, Edison, New Brunswick and Princeton Junction.

The Raritan Valley Line operates from Penn Station to Phillipsburg, stopping at Cranford, Westfield, Plainfield, Bound Brook, Raritan and other stations. The Reading Commuter Line runs from Penn Station to West Trenton via Bound Brook and goes on to greater Philadelphia.

For help on train schedules and fares, you can call NJ TRANSIT's rail information center toll free at 800-242-0212.

Penn Station also is the Newark terminal for Amtrak and Greyhound. Both carriers provide frequent service to most major East Coast cities from here. Another Penn Station plus is Airlink bus shuttle service to Newark International Airport.

Travelers who want to get to mid-Manhattan, the World Trade Center, Hoboken, Jersey City or Harrison can catch PATH rapid transit trains here.

Rounding out the area's public transportation choices are buses that operate to the Shore and other destinations from Penn Station, the downtown Trailways terminal, or other downtown locations. Again, check with specific carriers for details.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Area residents looking for public transportation have a variety of services to choose from in the county.

Local Services

Twelve of Gloucester County's municipalities provide local transportation for their residents. Operated on a free-fare basis, these services are a good way to get around the communities. Municipalities offering such service include Clayton, Deptford Township, Franklin Township, Glassboro, Mantua Township, Monroe Township, Paulsboro, Pitman, Washington Township, West Deptford Township, Westville, and Woodbury.

Transport of New Jersey (TNJ) also operates several bus routes in the county. These offer local bus service on a number of major streets including Black Horse Pike, Delsea Drive, Kings

Highway, and Crown Point Road. Among the principal destinations served by some of these bus routes are Deptford Mall, Underwood Hospital in Woodbury, Glassboro State College, and the Court House Government Complex.

Long-distance Service

Travelers heading beyond the county can ride TNJ buses to Camden, the PATCO High Speed Line station in Lindenwold, and Market Street in Philadelphia. But TNJ also runs buses along Delsea Drive to Wildwood and Cape May.

Call for Help!

Your best bet for information about the municipal bus services, TNJ buses or the PATCO Line is to call the county-operated transit information center. A Gloucester County transit map also is yours free for the asking. To get a copy by mail, write the Public Transportation Coordinator, Planning Department, County Office Building, Clayton, New Jersey 08312.

HUDSON COUNTY

Would-be transit riders will find that numerous buses and trains run within the county — and to New York, Newark, the Shore, central and western New Jersey, as well as other points.

Local Services Focus on Journal Square

Within the county, most major streets have local bus routes. Routes usually meet in or around the Journal Square Transportation Center in Jersey City. From there, bus routes fan out in all directions — by transferring there you can reach most principal destinations in the county.

You can also connect at Journal Square with intercity buses headed for New York and points beyond. Or you can transfer to the PATH rapid transit line and enjoy a fast, comfortable ride to Hoboken Terminal, Newark's Penn Station, the World Trade Center, and Penn Station in mid-Manhattan. Still, Journal Square is primarily a bus service hub.

Bus Routes Crisscross County

Among the local bus routes converging on Journal Square are the Kennedy Boulevard Lines. One runs from Nungessers in North Bergen to Journal Square, another from there to Second Street in Bayonne.

Hudson Bus Transportation Company operates buses on the northern portion of the Boulevard

while the lower half is served by the South Hudson Independent Bus Operators Association (or simply the South Hudson IBOA).

Bayonne Buses

Elsewhere, in Bayonne, the South Hudson IBOA transports passengers to Staten Island. Broadway IBOA provides bus service on Broadway while Central IBOA runs on Central Avenue. Central IBOA also runs a route on nearby Garfield Avenue to the Exchange Place financial district and PATH rapid transit system station.

Jersey City Buses

In addition to the Boulevard lines, Jersey City has north-south buses on Ocean Avenue (TNJ), Martin Luther King Drive (TNJ), Bergen Avenue (Bergen IBOA), and West Side Avenue (TNJ) to Journal Square.

You can travel across the city on TNJ's Communipaw Avenue route that runs between Newark and Exchange Place. TNJ has another cross-city route on Newark Avenue that serves Exchange Place. The Montgomery West Side IBOA has a handy route that runs from Exchange Place over Montgomery Street and down West Side Avenue to Danforth.

Many other routes run throughout the city.

Hoboken Buses

Nearby Hoboken has good bus service on Washington Avenue furnished by the Washington Avenue IBOA. Most local buses run from 14th Street to the Hoboken Terminal, where connections are made with PATH.

Other Bus Services

Bus routes also run through Union City, Weehawken, West New York, Guttenberg, North Bergen, portions of the Meadowlands, Kearny and Harrison.

Call for Bus Help!

Many bus companies operate in the county. Additionally, the amount of service varies on many routes depending on the hour and the day of the week. Fares also vary. For these reasons, it's usually helpful to call for up-to-the-minute information before traveling. Consult the company that operates the route you plan to use.

If you are unsure of whom to call or what to take, call the Port Authority's New Jersey number at the Journal Square Transportation Center. They will give you information about many buses operating there.

Train Services Also Extensive Nearby Newark Key Rail Hub

Area travelers also have many passenger trains to consider. For example, you can ride the PATH line to Newark's Penn Station and connect to numerous regional and national trains. This includes NJ TRANSIT's North Jersey Coast, Raritan Valley, and Northeast Corridor Lines operated by Conrail.

North Jersey Coast Line trains operate between New York City and Shore points via Newark. Stops are made at Elizabeth, Linden, Rahway, Avenel, Woodbridge, the Amboys, Matawan, Hazlet, Middletown, Red Bank, Little Silver-Oceanport, Monmouth Park, Long Branch, and most resort points south to Bay Head.

On the Northeast Corridor Line, you can ride trains as far as Trenton. Along the way, stops are made at N. Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Linden, Rahway, Metropark in Iselin, Metuchen, Edison, New Brunswick, and Princeton Junction.

Newark also is the base for trains serving West Trenton and the Raritan Valley Line running out to Phillipsburg near the Pennsylvania border. Greyhound buses operate from Penn Station too, giving you even more travel choices.

An added Penn Station plus is Airlink shuttle bus service which operates between there and Newark International Airport.

Hoboken Another Rail Focal Point

Hoboken Terminal is yet another vital regional transportation hub because many bus and train routes converge on it. For example, you'll find trains that serve parts of Bergen, Passaic, Morris, and Essex Counties.

Among principal cities served by these train lines are Hackensack, Passaic, Paterson, Ridgewood, Montclair, Morristown, and Dover. Or you can ride the PATH line from Hoboken to mid-Manhattan, the World Trade Center, Jersey City or Newark's Penn Station.

Also crisscrossing the county are bus routes that run into the New York Port Authority bus

terminal. TNJ, for example, operates buses along Boulevard East through the Lincoln Tunnel to the terminal. On Boulevard East, Manhattan Transit runs buses to the Port Authority terminal.

For train information, call NJ TRANSIT's information center toll free at 800-242-0212.

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Bus and passenger train service to New York City highlight several public transportation alternatives available to county travelers.

Bus Services

County-based West Hunterdon Transit Company operates two routes in the county. Commuters heading for New York can board the company's buses daily in Milford and Frenchtown or Flemington. From there, buses run express to Manhattan. The other route links Flemington and Lambertville.

Starr Transit operates commuter service between Lambertville and the downtown Trenton train station where local bus service is available to state offices. Transport of New Jersey (TNJ) provides excellent service to New York City and Allentown. Buses on that route stop in Bloomsbury, West Portal, Clinton, Lebanon and Whitehouse.

Train Services

New York-bound commuters can ride NJ TRANSIT's Raritan Valley line which runs through the county on weekdays. This line extends from Phillipsburg on the Pennsylvania border to Newark's Penn Station, where commuters can take PATH trains to Manhattan. In Hunterdon County, the Raritan Valley Line makes stops at Hampton, Glen Gardner, High Bridge, Annondale, Lebanon, and Whitehouse. For details, call NJ TRANSIT's information center toll free at 800-242-0212.

Special Transportation Services

A special transit network in the county serves the needs of elderly and handicapped persons and clients of social service agencies. This service is operated by Pioneer on Wheels with grants from several county agencies. For information call 782-7241.

Call for Help!

The County Transportation Office provides detailed information about transit services in the

county. They also publish a service summary — and run a carpooling center. Call their listed number.

MERCER COUNTY

An extensive county-operated bus system awaits area residents looking for public transportation — along with numerous bus and passenger train services to surrounding towns, New York, Philadelphia, the Shore, and other destinations.

Local Transit Services

Mercer Metro runs local bus service throughout the county with most routes meeting along the Trenton Commons on State Street. These routes provide convenient, economical access to the state's office complex and downtown shopping. As an added convenience to shoppers, a special shuttle bus links the Labor & Industry Building and downtown stores from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The county-owned bus company also runs a route along Olden and Parkway Avenues. By using this route, travelers can move about across the county and Trenton. A special service for commuters is the Sprint park-and-ride service between Quaker Bridge Mall, Lawrence Shopping Center and the state office complex. Sprint riders can park free at either of the shopping facilities on Route 1.

Some Mercer Metro bus routes also serve the county airport as well as the West Trenton and Clinton Avenue train stations. Elsewhere, the company operates two bus routes in Princeton. Area residents can use them to travel around Princeton or to the Quaker Bridge and Mercer Malls.

Long-distance Services

Several Mercer Metro buses link Trenton with Hopewell, Pennington, Princeton, and other outlying communities in the county. Another Mercer Metro route connects Trenton with the Fort Dix/McGuire Air Force Base complex. The company also serves Asbury Park on the Shore via Freehold.

Among other bus companies, Suburban Transit operates a bus between Trenton and New York that stops in Princeton and the New Brunswick area. Starr Transit has a route to Lambertville and another to Atlantic City. Transport of New Jersey (TNJ) offers service to Willingboro and

Camden while Greyhound has limited service to Philadelphia and New York. Some buses operate from an agency on Clinton Avenue across from the YMCA while others serve the train station.

As for passenger trains, the Clinton Avenue train station has frequent Conrail-operated NJ TRANSIT service to New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and other points. Amtrak offers service to Washington, D.C., Boston, and many other East Coast locations. The West Trenton train station offers weekday rush hour train service to Philadelphia and Newark. At Newark, you can easily connect to the PATH system and quickly travel to mid-Manhattan or the World Trade Center.

Fares, Service Levels Vary

Mercer Metro's fare will vary with the distance traveled. Exact fare is required which means you should check the fare in advance. On most of its routes, the company provides early morning to late night service daily except Sundays. Service levels vary considerably for other carriers so get specifics before starting your trip.

Your best bet for local transit information is to call Mercer Metro at 609-396-9171. For train information, call NJ TRANSIT's information center toll free at 800-242-0212.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Motorists worried about soaring gasoline prices and uncertain supplies will find a variety of public transportation choices around the county.

How to Get Around Town

If you just want to get about town, you'll find several bus companies provide local service in many communities. For example, Transport of New Jersey (TNJ), Bayview Bus, Middlesex Bus, and Suburban Transit serve numerous area towns.

Among the communities served by one or a combination of these carriers are Carteret, Cranbury, Dunellen, East Brunswick, Edison, Highland Park, Metuchen, Milltown, Monroe, New Brunswick, North Brunswick, Old Bridge, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy, South Brunswick, South River, and Woodbridge.

Intracounty Services Available Too

Many bus routes also link various communities and points of interest within the county. Travelers headed for Rutgers campuses can ride Middlesex buses from the Brunswicks and Bayview buses from Woodbridge, the Amboys, Sayreville, and South River. Many of the NJ TRANSIT's commuter trains serve New Brunswick, too.

Tying the three Rutgers campuses together are three university-operated shuttle bus lines. For information about the free campus buses, call 932-7817.

The Woodbridge regional shopping center can be reached via Bayview buses from the Brunswicks, South River, Sayreville, and the Amboys. A TNJ route provides service to the center from New Brunswick, Highland Park, Edison, and Metuchen. Shoppers headed for Route 18's Brunswick Square Mall can ride Middlesex Bus Company buses from North Brunswick, East Brunswick, New Brunswick, and Old Bridge.

Edison's Raritan Center Industrial Park has bus service too. TNJ has a route from Highland Park, Edison, Metuchen, and Perth Amboy. Another TNJ route links the Student Center of Middlesex County College and serves intermediate points such as the Woodbridge Shopping Center.

Long-distance Services Numerous

Travelers heading for points outside the county can choose from both passenger train and bus services.

New York-bound commuters can pick up Suburban Transit buses headed for Manhattan's Port Authority Bus Terminal in New Brunswick, East Brunswick, South Plainfield, Lake Nelson, Metuchen, Monroe, Edison, Fords, Piscataway, and Stephensburg. Somerset Bus Company provides limited service from South Plainfield, Woodbridge, and Avenel to New York.

Along Route 9, TNJ and Lincoln Transit provide frequent service to the Port Authority terminal. These companies also pick up travelers heading for New York on a route serving Jamesburg, Helmetta, Spotswood, Old Bridge, South River, and East Brunswick.

Coastal residents can ride Asbury Park-New York Transit buses to Manhattan. TNJ has service from the Amboys and Carteret area communities.

Some TNJ buses link Middlesex County to Newark, while Suburban Transit operates some service to Trenton.

Both Greyhound and Trailways offer long-distance service from New Brunswick.

As for rail services, three of NJ TRANSIT's Conrail-operated lines run through the county. Those are the Northeast Corridor, Raritan Valley, and North Jersey Coast Lines.

The Northeast Corridor Line has stops in New Brunswick, Edison, Metuchen, and Metropark (Iselin) with frequent service north to New York/Newark and south to Trenton. The Raritan Valley Line has service to Newark from Dunellen. North Jersey Coast Line trains operate between New York and Shore points serving Avenel, Woodbridge, and the Amboys.

Many trains operate into Newark, where travelers can catch PATH trains and ride to Manhattan, Jersey City or Hoboken. You can also connect to trains headed for central and northern New Jersey as well as Amtrak national service. Call NJ TRANSIT's information center toll free at 800-242-0212 for train details.

Park and Ride Options Offered

Parking is available at several commuter train stations. Among them: New Brunswick's Jersey Avenue Station, Perth Amboy, Dunellen, Woodbridge, Edison, South Amboy, Metuchen, and Metropark in Iselin. The Metropark lot is overcrowded, but you may be able to take one of the special buses to it or park at Metuchen or other stations.

Some bus park and ride facilities are available too. Suburban Transit, for example, operates big park and ride centers at two locations on Route 18. One is at New Jersey Turnpike Exit 9 while the other is several miles east, opposite the Two Guys store. Suburban has a small park and ride lot on Route 27 south of downtown New Brunswick while some commuters park in the Kendall Park Shopping Center near the roller rink.

Where to Get Help

Call the bus and train carriers mentioned. Middlesex County transportation planners have also prepared some transit information pieces and you can get them at local libraries.

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Travelers looking for public transportation will find far more choices in Monmouth County than most people realize exist. This includes a variety of trains and buses.

Express and Intercity Buses

Most express and commuter buses operate in the Route 35 coastal corridor or along Route 9 further west.

Transport of New Jersey (TNJ) and Lincoln Transit, for instance, run frequent service throughout the day along Route 9. These runs usually originate in Toms River or Lakewood, converge on the Freehold Borough bus station and head for New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal. Some buses serve Newark and Jersey City. There is also northbound service through Englishtown and Matawan.

Going south, the routes are similar, with occasional service to Farmingdale. Travelers can ride TNJ and Lincoln buses to Atlantic City, Wildwood and Cape May.

As for the coastal area, three bus lines furnish service between Shore points and New York or northern New Jersey via the Garden State Parkway. This includes TNJ, Lincoln and Asbury Park-New York Transit. The New York-Keansburg-Long Branch Bus Co. runs service to New York's Port Authority Terminal and downtown Newark from Long Branch and points on Route 36.

If you just want to get around town, you'll find several communities have local bus service. Boro Busses routes serve part of the bay shore area northwest of Atlantic Highlands. Its routes converge on Red Bank, coming also from Asbury Park. Boro Busses also serves Freehold via Route 537.

Monmouth Bus Lines operates shore routes between Point Pleasant and Long Branch. Another company, Bay View Bus, runs to Campbell's Junction via Keansburg and Perth Amboy. This route meets the Boro Busses No. 4

line — providing good service to the Gateway National Recreation Area at Sandy Hook. Travelers heading for the Trenton area from Asbury Park and Freehold can use Mercer Metro buses, which make several trips a day.

For more information, call the bus companies mentioned.

Regional Train Services

Another public transportation choice is NJ TRANSIT's North Jersey Coast Line train service. Extending from Bay Head to Newark/New York City, the Conrail-operated line offers daily service. Trains stop at fifteen locations in the county including Manasquan, Asbury Park, Long Branch, Red Bank, and Matawan.

At Newark's Penn Station you can transfer from North Jersey Coast Line trains to the PATH rapid transit system and enjoy a fast, comfortable ride to Jersey City, Hoboken, mid-Manhattan or the World Trade Center. You can also transfer to trains which run to Trenton. Along the way, they serve Elizabeth, Metropark, New Brunswick, and the Princeton area.

Call NJ TRANSIT's information center toll free at 800-242-0212 for passenger train information.

MORRIS COUNTY

Travelers looking for a better way to go will find good public transportation within the county — and to surrounding areas, New York City and other principal destinations.

Intracounty and Local Services

Foundation of the county's public transportation system is Morris County Metro (MCM). This Freeholder-sponsored service is operated by Watchung Mountain Transit and is managed by the County Board of Public Transportation. Its routes link most municipalities, employment areas, shopping districts, government offices, and schools in the county.

Also running bus routes that provide intracounty service are Transport of New Jersey (TNJ), Maplewood Equipment, DeCamp Bus, Lakeland Bus, Community Transit, Northeast Coach, Colonial Coach, Boonton Trolley, and Par-Troy Bus. Some of them operate local bus service within the municipalities of Boonton, Butler, Dover, Morristown, and Parsippany-Troy Hills.

Long Distance Services

Lakeland Bus, Maplewood Equipment, Greyhound, Martz-Trailways, and Community Bus operate service between New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal and many communities in the county. Three of NJ TRANSIT's Conrail-operated rail lines also serve area towns. All run to Hoboken where riders can easily transfer to the PATH system and ride to Manhattan for just 30 cents or take a TNJ bus to the Port Authority's midtown bus terminal.

Rail stops in the county include Netcong, Lake Hopatcong, Dover, Denville, Mountain Lake, Boonton, Towaco, and Lincoln Park on the Boonton Line. The Morristown line includes stops at Dover, Denville, Mount Tabor, Morris Plains, Morristown, Convent, Madison, Chatham, with Millington, Stirling, and Gillette among those on the Gladstone Branch.

Call for Help and Transit Guide

A wide range of additional public transit services are available in the county. Your best bet for transit information is to call the Freeholder-sponsored county transit information center.

The center can provide complete information for all transit services in the county ... everything from the MCM intracounty bus routes to commuter buses and trains. You can also get a free Morris County Public Transportation Guide by calling the center.

OCEAN COUNTY

Several bus routes serve the county with passenger train service also available from Bay Head to Newark and New York City.

Bus Service

Transport of New Jersey (TNJ) and Lincoln Transit run frequent service throughout the day along Route 9. Most runs originate at either the Toms River or Lakewood bus terminals, converge on the Freehold bus station and head for New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal. However, some buses serve Newark and Jersey City.

Travelers who live south of Toms River can catch TNJ and Lincoln Transit buses at many points along Route 9. This includes Bayville, Lanoka Harbor, Waretown, Barnegat, Manahawkin, Tuckerton, and smaller communities.

Some Route 9 buses provide service in both directions between Ocean County and Atlantic City, Ocean City, Wildwood, and Cape May.

Lincoln Transit runs two other routes, both between Lakewood and Toms River, one via Lakehurst and the other by way of Bricktown.

TNJ has a route that links Lakewood to Asbury Park in one direction and to Camden/Philadelphia. That route also stops at the Fort Dix/McGuire Air Force Base complex.

Train Service

If you live in northeast Ocean County, you might want to go to Bay Head or Point Pleasant Beach, where you can catch NJ TRANSIT's North Jersey Coast Line train.

Extending from Bay Head to New York City, the Conrail-operated line makes numerous stops in Monmouth, Middlesex, Union, and Essex Counties.

The trains also stop in Newark's Penn Station. There you can connect to the PATH rapid transit system and enjoy a fast, comfortable ride to Jersey City, Hoboken, mid-Manhattan or the World Trade Center. You can also transfer to trains which run to Trenton. Along the way, they serve Elizabeth, Metropark, New Brunswick, and the Princeton area.

Call NJ TRANSIT's information center toll free at 800-242-0212 for passenger train information.

PASSAIC COUNTY

You can reach all major points in Passaic County by transit — as well as scores of other major destinations in nearby towns and beyond.

Bus Routes Crisscross Area

More than 40 bus routes crisscross the county and most offer frequent service to Paterson, Clifton, Passaic, Willowbrook, and other points.

Transport of New Jersey (TNJ), for example, operates numerous routes serving Paterson, Clifton, Passaic, and Willowbrook from all directions. The No. 74 route connects Paterson, Clifton, and Passaic on Main Avenue. From Paterson, you can go to Willowbrook on Nos. 4 and 120 routes.

Need to go out of the county to Essex County? Bloomfield? Belleville? or Bergen County? Hackensack? Bergen Mall? Paramus? The TNJ No. 128 bus offers service from Paterson to downtown Newark via Clifton and Bloomfield. The No. 112 goes from Clifton and Passaic to Newark via Nutley and Belleville. Your choices to Bergen County are Nos. 102 and 120 from Paterson directly to Hackensack and Nos. 44 and B-8 from Passaic to the Bergen Mall. Convenient transfers can be made from all TNJ routes in either Paterson or Passaic.

But that's not all. Other routes connect Paterson and Passaic with nearby communities including the northern Paterson suburbs of Haledon, Hawthorne, North Haledon, and Wayne. The No. 21 goes from Paterson to William Paterson College, Wayne General Hospital, and Wayne Hills Mall via the Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike and Haledon. Nos. 14 and 42 serve Haledon and North Haledon and Nos. 22 and 92 serve Hawthorne north into Bergen County from Paterson.

Passenger Trains, Intercity Buses Too

Travelers also have several other bus services to choose from as well as intercity buses and train services. For example,

- Fair Lawn Transportation No. 26 connects Paterson's East Side via 11th Avenue with downtown and Fair Lawn-Radburn.
- Community Transit connects Passaic with East Rutherford and Styertown Shopping Center in Clifton.
- Garfield & Passaic Transit connects Passaic with Bergen County.
- Passaic-Athenia Bus serves the Allwood and Richfield sections of Clifton.
- NJ TRANSIT trains serve Hoboken/New York City from Mountain View, Little Falls, Hawthorne, Paterson, Clifton, and Passaic.
- Greyhound has a station at Market Street and Interstate Route 80 with service to points west of Paterson.
- Maplewood Equipment has a No. 30 bus to the Port Authority's midtown New York terminal from Paterson, Clifton, and Passaic and a No. 40 bus to the Port Authority's George Washington Bridge terminal via Bergen County from Paterson.
- Warwick Lines run from Greenwood Lake, Ringwood, Wanaque, Pompton Lakes, and Wayne to midtown New York.

Call for Help or a Map!

Navigating your way through the county's many bus routes and carriers can be puzzling. Fortunately, help is as close as your phone since the county Freeholders sponsor a transit information service. You can also get a free transit map by calling the transit information center.

SALEM COUNTY

Public transportation is starting to become a factor in the county.

Local Transit

Now in operation is a bus route serving Salem, Woodstown, Pennsville, Penns Grove, and Pittsgrove. Operated by Salem County Transit, the route has daily, except Sunday, service. Buses run from 5 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Saturdays. Call the company for details.

Intercity Service

Transport of New Jersey (TNJ) operates a daily service along Route 130 from Pennsville to Camden and Philadelphia. The bus line is a good way to connect to intercity buses and trains in the Philadelphia area. At Camden, riders can transfer to other TNJ routes serving points within the State and to PATCO's High Speed Line to Philadelphia. For information, call TNJ's toll free number 800-772-2222.

SOMERSET COUNTY

Anyone who is tired of driving himself crazy should look into the bus and train routes serving the county.

Buses One Alternative

Buses provide much of the area's public transportation, especially two routes operated by Suburban Transit.

One of its routes stretches from Trenton to New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal and runs along Route 27 in the county. Travelers heading south can ride the line to Nassau Street in Princeton, suburban Trenton's Rider College, and downtown Trenton, including the train station. Going north, stops are made at New Brunswick and other points before heading for New York City.

Suburban's second area route runs between Hillsborough and New York via Amwell Road. In addition to Hillsborough, buses stop at Millstone, Franklin and points in the general area.

Newark-bound travelers can avail themselves of a route operated by Somerset Bus. This line runs from Somerville to Newark with stops at Bound Brook, Middlesex, Plainfield, and various other locations.

Another Somerset Bus line offers service from Somerset to New York via a local route that serves various Union County communities.

As for Somerville itself, the community also is served by Transport of New Jersey (TNJ), Greyhound, and Trailways. Most of these buses travel via Route 22 to Newark and points beyond. Going west, there is some service to eastern Pennsylvania. All the bus lines run to and from the Somerset Hotel on Main Street in Somerville.

For specific bus information, call the carriers mentioned.

Trains Another Way to Go

Along with the buses, you can choose from three NJ TRANSIT passenger rail lines through the county. Those are the Reading Line, Raritan Valley Line, and Gladstone Branch of the Morristown Line.

The Reading Line stops at Belle Mead in the county and offers weekday rush-hour only service to Newark's Penn Station. There you can transfer easily to the PATH rapid transit system and enjoy a fast, comfortable ride to mid-Manhattan or the World Trade Center. You can also catch Amtrak nation-spanning service or Greyhound buses at Newark's Penn Station and Airlink shuttle buses to Newark International Airport.

The Raritan Valley Line also runs to Newark and originates in Phillipsburg near the Pennsylvania border. Again, service is limited. Nearby stations include Bound Brook, Manville, Somerville, Raritan, and North Branch.

As for the Morristown Line's Gladstone Branch, it provides service to Hoboken. Here, as in Newark, you can connect with the PATH line.

Locally convenient stations include Gladstone, Peapack, Far Hills, Bernardsville, Basking Ridge, Lyons, Millington, Stirling, and Gillette.

Remember, train service levels vary with each line depending on the hour and day. For specific information, call NJ TRANSIT's information center toll free at 800-242-0212.

Puzzled? The County Can Help

If you want more transit information but don't know which carrier to call, try calling the County Planning Board first. They can help you get going.

SUSSEX COUNTY

Travelers headed eastward toward New York City have several public transportation options.

Bus Service

Lakeland Bus runs weekday commuter service between Sussex County and the Port Authority's midtown bus terminal. Local stops are made at Sussex, Hamburg, Franklin, Ogdensburg, and Sparta. From there, buses proceed to midtown New York. Real Transit also links the area to midtown New York. Its buses serve Blairstown, stops along Route 94, Newton and several other locations along Route 206 before heading for New York.

Train Service

Passenger rail service is available to county residents from Netcong and Lake Hopatcong on NJ TRANSIT's Conrail-operated Boonton Line. The service ends at Hoboken, where good connections can be made with PATH trains to midtown New York City and the World Trade Center downtown. By driving to Dover, you can catch Morristown Line trains to Hoboken and points in Morris and Essex Counties. PATH also will take you from Hoboken to Newark's Penn Station, where trains are available to the Shore and central New Jersey, and, via Amtrak, on long-haul trips. Bus connections also can be made at Newark.

For details on train service, call NJ TRANSIT's information center toll-free, 800-242-0212.

UNION COUNTY

Area residents looking for a car-free way to get around will find many buses and trains nearby.

Buses Way To Go Locally

Your best bet for local transit is one of the bus routes available in the county. Most major streets, for instance, have buses on them making local stops.

Four companies operate the majority of these routes: Transport of New Jersey (TNJ), Somerset Bus, Plainfield Transit, and Watchung Mountain Transit.

Some of the routes include TNJ and Somerset service on Morris Avenue. These routes link Summit and Elizabeth as well as serving Kean College. One branch line serves Union County College.

To the west, Watchung Mountain Transit has lines in the Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit area. You'll find Watchung Mountain Transit buses running on Springfield, Mountain, and Plainfield Avenues. Among principal points served is the Bell Labs facility in Murray Hill.

TNJ and Somerset Bus transport passengers along Route 22 and Mountain Avenue. Elsewhere, Somerset Bus provides service on Raritan Road while TNJ runs buses on St. Georges Avenue and U.S. Route 1-9. TNJ also has several other routes in Linden, Rahway, and especially Elizabeth.

Plainfield Transit predictably furnishes extensive service in Plainfield. But it also runs buses to the Metuchen train station, North Plainfield and the Menlo Park Shopping Center.

Buses Run Beyond County Too

TNJ and Somerset Bus run many routes beyond the county too. For example, they provide service between New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal and many area points. These include Cranford, Elizabeth, Hillside, Linden, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, Union, Westfield, and smaller communities.

Some TNJ buses link county points with New Brunswick, Newark International Airport, downtown Newark, Elizabethport, and destinations in northern New Jersey. Additionally, you can ride TNJ buses between Springfield-Summit and Essex County's Livingston Mall. TNJ even operates buses between Elizabeth-Rahway and Atlantic City as well as other Shore points.

Another bus company, Beviano Chartered Services, operates service along Linden's Wood Avenue to Elizabeth. Trackless Transit has a route linking Roselle, Roselle Park and Union with Irvington, Newark and East Orange. Various TNJ, Somerset Bus, Plainfield Transit and Watchung Mountain Transit routes serve area passenger train stations.

Interstate service is provided by TNJ to Allentown, Pa., along Route 22, while Greyhound and Trailways both operate along Route 22 to Harrisburg, Pa., and beyond.

Regional Rail Services

Running through Union County are three NJ TRANSIT passenger rail lines operated by Conrail. Those are the Northeast Corridor, the North Jersey Coast and the Raritan Valley Lines.

The Northeast Corridor Line runs from New York city to Trenton and has frequent daily service. Importantly, various trains serve Rahway, Linden, and Elizabeth. On the way to Trenton, stops are made at Metropark in Iselin, New Brunswick, and Princeton Junction. The Northeast Corridor Line is also a main route for Amtrak between Boston and Washington.

As for the North Jersey Coast Line, it operates daily between New York and Bay Head on the Shore. Area residents can board at Elizabeth, Linden, or Rahway and travel to a number of shore communities including Long Branch, Asbury Park, Ocean Grove, Bradley Beach, Belmar, Spring Lake, Manasquan, and Point Pleasant Beach.

The Raritan Valley Line runs between Newark and Phillipsburg, near Pennsylvania. Within the county, it has several stops including Plainfield, Netherwood, Fanwood, Westfield, Garwood, Cranford, and Roselle Park. You can ride to Bound Brook, Somerville, and other points outside the county. The Reading Commuter Line, with one stop in the county, at Roselle Park, runs from Newark to West Trenton and Philadelphia. Service on the Raritan Valley Line to Phillipsburg and on the Reading Commuter Line is limited, so it's best to call first for information.

The Morristown Line, with a stop in Summit, connects Dover and Morristown to Newark and Hoboken after a number of stops in Essex County including the Oranges. The Gladstone

Branch stops at Berkeley Heights, Murray Hill, New Providence, and other stations before joining the Morristown Line at Summit.

Call for Help or Free Map!

For additional bus information, call the bus company that operates the service you're considering. For train information, call NJ TRANSIT's information center at 800-242-0212 or Amtrak at 800-523-5700, both toll free. County residents can get help by calling the County Transportation Engineering Office. You can get a county transportation map at municipal offices, public libraries, and chambers of commerce.

WARREN COUNTY

Several bus and passenger train routes furnish service in or near the county.

Bus Services

Transport of New Jersey (TNJ) operates service between Allentown, Pa. and New York City. Within the county, the line serves Phillipsburg. Major enroute stops include Somerville, Bound Brook, Newark International Airport, and Newark. TNJ runs another route from Center Square in Easton, Pa., and Warren Hospital in Phillipsburg.

Garden State Transit also transports travelers to New York from the area. Anyone who wants to take the line can board in Blairstown or flag the bus along Route 94 into Newton. Garden State buses operate over the former Real Transit line.

Real Transit operates service from the county to midtown New York City. Travelers can board the bus in Blairstown or flag it down along Route 94 as far as Newton.

Rounding out the bus service is a Delaware River Coach Lines route between Phillipsburg and Easton.

Train Services

In Phillipsburg or nearby Hampton, you can catch NJ TRANSIT's Conrail-operated Raritan Valley Line. It offers limited weekday rush hour train service between the area and Newark's Penn Station. There you can catch the Port Authority's PATH rapid transit line and enjoy a fast, comfortable ride to Jersey City, to Hoboken and to mid-Manhattan or to the World Trade Center.

In Netcong and Dover, passenger train service is available to Hoboken, where you can connect to the PATH system.

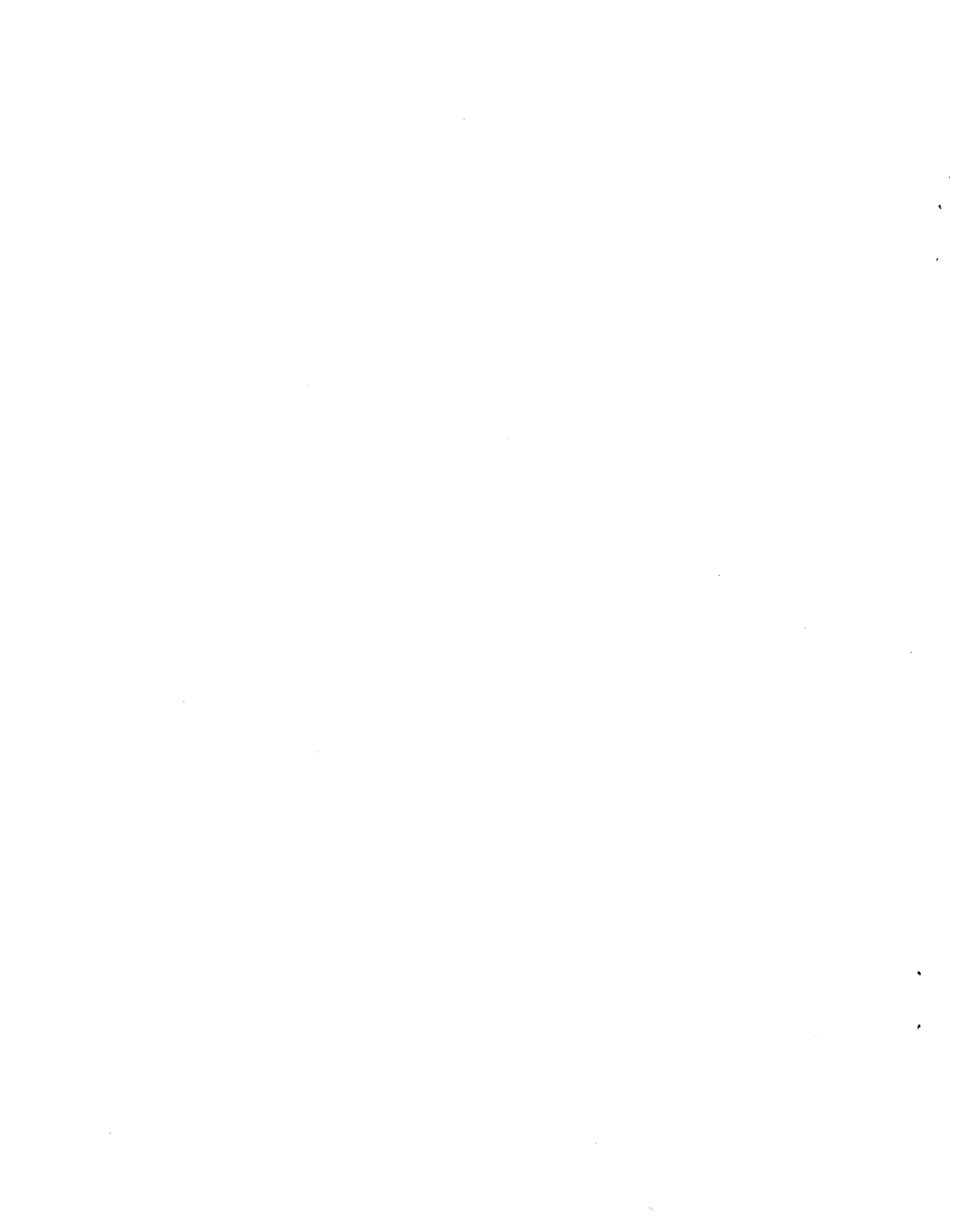
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For bus information, consult specific carriers. You can get train information by calling NJ TRANSIT's information center toll free at 800-242-0212.

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