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NJ TRANSIT ENHANCES WEEKDAY RAIL SCHEDULE TO SERVE ADDITIONAL REGIONS

Monday March 23: Rail Service Operates on Presidents Day Schedule with Enhancements

NEWARK, NJ — Beginning Monday, March 23rd, NJ TRANSIT will enhance its weekday rail schedule to ensure additional regions of New Jersey maintain service. Rail service will operate on a Presidents Day holiday schedule with some enhancements. Weekday service on the Atlantic City Rail Line (ACRL), will continue to operate on a regular weekday schedule.

Due to the rapidly changing nature of the COVID-19 response, customers are strongly encouraged to sign up for My Transit alerts and activate push notifications on the mobile app to receive the latest status of the system.

Customers should refer to the Presidents Day schedules in their printed timetables or in the PDF versions available online at njtransit.com. Please refer to the “Saturday/Sunday/Holiday” section in your schedule and look to the bottom of the shaded columns – anything operating on 2/17 refers to the Presidents Day schedule. These trains will operate in addition to all of the trains in the non-shaded columns.

Complete weekday schedules are now available at:

https://www.njtransit.com/sa/sa_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=ServiceAdjustmentTo&AdjustmentId=9792

In addition to the train service operating on President’s Day, NJ TRANSIT will include the following enhancements:

- Raritan Valley Line (RVL) service to/from High Bridge.
- Service to/from Hackettstown.
- Additional stops at Teterboro, Woodcliff Lake, Avenel, Garwood and North

Elizabeth [Stations](#)

- o **Important Note:** The Presidents Day schedule does NOT include service at Jersey Ave. Station

- Pascack Valley Line (PVL) rail service will be on a special schedule to accommodate added stops at Teterboro and Woodcliff Lake. Please visit njtransit.com or Trip Planner for more details.
- Additional early morning trains on the Northeast Corridor (NEC) and the North Jersey Coast Line (NJCL).
- Montclair-Boonton Line service west of Bay St. and Gladstone Branch rail service will both operate on Monday, March 23.

Bus service will remain at full weekday schedules. As an added precautionary measure to protect our bus operators and customers, NJ TRANSIT will implement rear-door boarding on all bus routes where rear-boarding is available. Travel should be limited to essential personnel only. Customers are encouraged to use the NJ TRANSIT mobile ticketing app or purchase paper tickets prior to boarding.

Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, Newark Light Rail, RiverLINE and Access Link services will all remain at full weekday schedules for Monday and Tuesday, March 23 and 24. **Please note: effective Wednesday, March 25:**

- Newark Light rail will operate on a Saturday schedule.
- River LINE will operate on a Sunday/Holiday schedule.
- HBLR will operate on a regular weekday schedule.

Access Link customers can use their telephones to check ride status, cancel, confirm and text for estimated arrival times. Customers may also customize their notifications. For additional information, customers can email ACES@njtransit.com or call customer service. Customers are also encouraged to sign up for My Transit Alerts by clicking the link provided or visiting www.njtransit.com and go to the My Transit Alert section.

NJ TRANSIT's RESPONSE TO COVID-19

NJ TRANSIT has enhanced its cleaning efforts to include disinfecting vehicles every 24 hours. Hard surface cleaning and disinfecting typically includes handholds, arm rests, seating areas and restrooms.

Our enhanced cleaning regimen in stations includes additional disinfecting of frequent customer touchpoints such as ticket vending machines, handrails, door handles. In major stations and terminals, this occurs once every shift. The cleaning agents used in this effort are deemed effective for these purposes and contain anti-viral components such as bleach/water mixes and other disinfectant sprays. Areas regularly cleaned include are doors, door knobs, windows, benches, partitions, trash cans, elevators, escalators, handrails, ledges, all restrooms and floor surfaces and all floor mats.

NJ TRANSIT has a dedicated web page offering a centralized location to highlight the many initiatives the agency has undertaken to protect customers and employees

against COVID-19. The web page, njtransit.com/COVID19, is available on both desktop and through the mobile app.

In addition to outlining the steps the agency has taken, the website also includes a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section. Posters reminding customers of best-practices to prevent the spread of germs will be appearing on NJ TRANSIT vehicles throughout the system in the coming days.

NJ TRANSIT is closely engaged with the New Jersey Department of Health and other state and federal resources to carefully monitor, and if need be, respond to emergent health concerns that have the ability to impact customers and employees. The Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention (CDC) offer the following preventative steps for the coronavirus:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, throw the tissue in the trash, then wash hands

For more information, please visit the following websites: New Jersey Department of Health: <https://www.nj.gov/health/>; the CDC: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00427.asp>.

Travel Advice:

- Before starting your trip, visit njtransit.com for up-to-the-minute service information.
- Customers are encouraged to download or update the NJ TRANSIT mobile app to set up and receive customized service alert information via push notifications. Visit the [You Tube video](#) for easy instructions on setting up custom push notifications.
- Stay connected to NJ TRANSIT social media during your commute. Search for rail, bus or light rail-specific Twitter accounts for the best information:
 - Twitter: [@NJTRANSIT](#)
 - [@NJTRANSIT_NEC](#)
 - [@NJTRANSIT_NJCL](#)
 - [@NJTRANSIT_ME](#)
 - [@NJTRANSIT_MOBO](#)
 - [@NJTRANSIT_MBPJ](#)
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 - Facebook: facebook.com/NJTRANSIT
 - YouTube Channel: [TheNewJerseyTransit](#)
- Sign up for the My Transit alert system on njtransit.com, which delivers travel advisories for your specific trip to your cell phone via email or text.
 - Allow extra time getting to and from your destination.
 - Listen closely to public address announcements at stations for late-breaking service information.

About NJ TRANSIT

NJ TRANSIT is the nation's largest statewide public transportation system providing more than 925,000 weekday trips on 253 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 166 rail stations, 62 light rail stations and more than 19,000 bus stops linking major points in New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia.

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