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NJ TRANSIT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is conducting public hearings in order to gather information and receive comments from interested parties concerning programs developed pursuant to the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act (SCDRTAP). A hearing will be held in each geographic region in accordance with Section 5 of P.L. 1984 c.578 of SCDRTAP. Each hearing will have an afternoon and evening session. **The locations are Morristown, Freehold, Newark, and Atlantic City.**

The State Management Plans (SMPs) for the following Federal grant programs administered by NJ TRANSIT are available for review on the New Jersey Community Transportation Training Program (NJCTTP) website at www.NJCTTP.org. (Click on United We Ride)

- FTA Section 5310 The Elderly Individuals and People with Disabilities Program
- FTA Section 5311 Non-urbanized Area Formula Program
- FTA Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program
- FTA Section 5317 New Freedom Program

The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program funds capital, operating, and/or administrative expenses for locally coordinated paratransit services for senior citizens and people with disabilities. The program also funds accessibility improvements to NJ TRANSIT's fixed route bus and rail system, the provision of technical assistance to the counties and the administration of the statewide program. All materials to be reviewed at these hearings are available in accessible formats on request. **Individuals requesting sign language interpreters should contact the Public Hearing Office, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105-2246, (973)- 491-7114 (TT 1-800-955-6765) by September 10, 2014.**

An Access Link paratransit update will NOT be provided at these hearings. Access Link will be holding separate Customer Forums in the fall. Information will be made available to all customers once the details are finalized. If you have any questions, please email adaservices@njtransit.com or call Access Link at 1-800-955-2321, choose option #5 for Customer Service, or call TT 1- 800-955-6765.

The public is invited to the September/October hearings below at which time they will have a full opportunity to express their views regarding the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program. In order to assure that all members of the public are given an opportunity to be heard, presentations and comments will be limited to five (5) minutes. **Written comments for the record may be sent to Public Hearing Comments 2014, New Jersey Transit Corporation, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07105-2246 or via email at publichearings@njtransit.com** by **October 15, 2014**. In accordance with the above statute, public hearings will be held at the following accessible locations:

SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HEARINGS

Northwestern Region

PLACE: **Morris County Human Services Building**
Ground Floor Conference Room
340 West Hanover Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960
DATE: **Tuesday, September 30, 2014**
TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Central Region

PLACE: **Monmouth Agricultural Building**
Conference Room #1
4000 Kozloski Road
Freehold, NJ 07728
DATE: **Wednesday, October 1, 2014**
TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Northern Region

PLACE: **New Jersey Transit Corporation**
Board Room, 9th floor, Side A & B
One Penn Plaza East
Newark, NJ 07105-2246
DATE: **Thursday, October 2, 2014**
TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Southern Region

PLACE: **Atlantic County Administration Building**
1st Floor Auditorium
1333 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
DATE: **Wednesday, October 8, 2014**
TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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NJ TRANSIT Improves Outreach to Community Transit Riders

The annual public hearings for the Casino Revenue grant funded program, the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP), will be videotaped and posted on the NJ TRANSIT website within 24 hours of the hearings.

The hearings are an opportunity for citizens to comment on the County coordinated transportation services focused on the needs of older persons and people with disabilities and the accessibility improvements to the NJ TRANSIT bus and rail services that are funded through the SCDRTAP Program.

Videotaping and posting the sessions to the website is a new way of reaching out to persons who are unable to attend the hearings in person.

NJ TRANSIT encourages members of the public who may be unable to attend to go to njtransit.com to view the hearings. Written comments for the record can be sent via Email to publichearings@njtransit.com or via US mail to Public Hearing Comments 2014, New Jersey Transit Corporation, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105-2246 by October 15, 2014.

Please see the attached public hearing notice for dates, times, and locations of the hearings.