

## Greater Mercer 2017 Impact

2017 was a busy year for Greater Mercer TMA. We continued to provide rides for seniors, promote sustainable transportation options and bicycle and pedestrian safety, implemented Street Smart campaigns, and provided travel instruction to people with disabilities and seniors. Check out our infographic highlighting our work and impact. We are looking forward to a busy 2018 and working with our long time partners and forming new partnerships.

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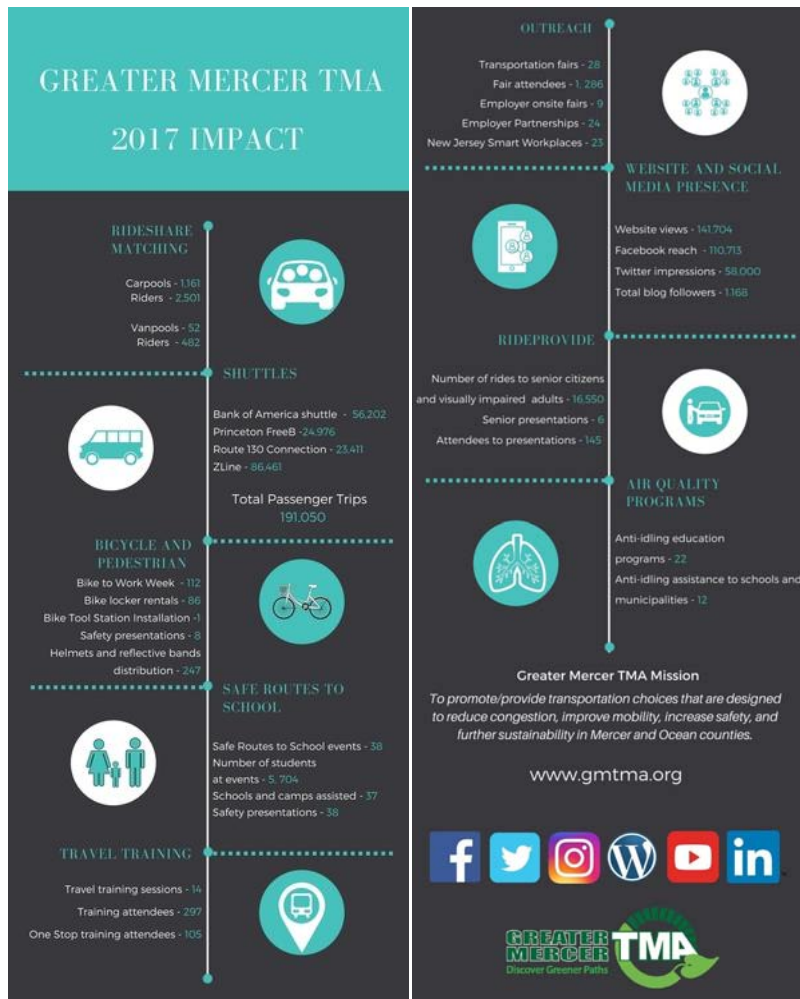
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## Time to Renew your Membership

Greater Mercer TMA is very fortunate to have the financial support of member companies and organizations. With your support, we continue to provide programs and services that had a positive impact on our community.



The new membership packages will be in the mail soon, we hope you will continue to support our mission.

Thank you!

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## Commuter Benefits to Save Money in the New Year



The 2018 commuter benefit cap this year is \$260/month (\$3,120 annually). This benefit can be used for transit or vanpooling. The pre-tax parking benefit is \$260/month. An employee who pays to park at a qualified parking area (such as a transit station) and then takes public transit or vanpools to work can receive a combination of the parking and transit benefit, up to \$520/month.

Qualified bicycle commuting reimbursements, previously allowed up to \$240 per year, can no longer be provided tax-free. Employers may

continue to provide the bicycle benefit as a taxable benefit.

If your looking to save money by taking transit, joining a carpool or vanpool, we can help, email us at [tma@gmtma.org](mailto:tma@gmtma.org).

For more commuter tax benefit information go to [gmtma.org](http://gmtma.org).

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# New Year's Resolutions

It is that time of the year – New Year's resolutions! Many people have big goals, whether financial, health and fitness, or other goals, that will take some work to accomplish. We wish you all great success in the New Year and we would like to add some suggestions that are worth thinking of and are not that hard to accomplish:

- Put your phone down when driving
- Walk or bike to work, it will help you save money, keep active and is good for the environment
- Read more or start learning a new language while you commute
- Buy fruits and vegetables that don't look perfect, this way you will help reduce food waste
- Avoid stress, try avoiding rush hour and register for a carpool or vanpool



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## Transit Updates

1. NJ Transit North East Corridor [new schedule](#) in effect January 7<sup>th</sup>
2. The new combined [freeB service](#) in effect January 2<sup>nd</sup>
3. New Amtrak track work at Penn Station schedule adjustments on the North East Corridor and the North Jersey Coast lines. The work started on January 8<sup>th</sup> and is expected to last until May 28. The affected trains are:

### **A.M.**

- NJCL train 3216, the 6:11 a.m. eastbound Long Branch departure, will now depart at 6:23 a.m. and will be diverted to Hoboken renumbered as 2604
- NEC train 3122, the 7:06 a.m. eastbound departure from New Brunswick will terminate at Newark Penn Station renumbered as 5822.

### **P.M.**

- NJCL train 3267, the 5:25 p.m. departure from PSNY, will originate from Hoboken at 5:22 p.m. renumbered as 2609
- NEC train 3171, the 5:43 p.m. departure from PSNY, will originate at Newark Penn Station at 6:03 p.m. renumbered as 5869
- NJCL train 3441, the 6:51 p.m. departure from PSNY, will be cancelled

For more information and alternate travel options go to [njtransit.com](http://njtransit.com)

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