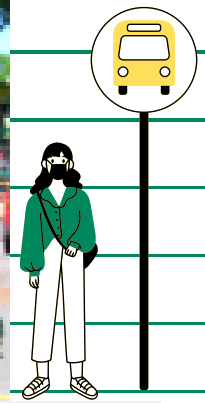
HOW TO RIDE THE BUS

IN MERCER COUNTY



There are several options for getting around by bus in Mercer County. This section will cover available routes, fares, and timetables.

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The Way To Go.®

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NJ TRANSIT operates New Jersey's public transportation system.

Its mission is to provide safe, reliable, convenient and cost-effective mass transit service. Its bus and rail system also serves portions of New York State and Pennsylvania.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

STEP 1: FIND A BUS ROUTE

NJ TRANSIT has a number of bus lines that serve Mercer County. To get going, you should check online for bus options in your community. The NJ TRANSIT **Trip Planner** can also help you figure out which route to take. You may reach out to their customer service at **973-275-5555** for assistance or call Greater Mercer TMA, your local transportation management association, at **609-452-1491** if you have any questions.

STEP 2: CHECK THE TIMETABLE

Once you find the bus line that will get you where you need to go, download the route schedule online. Timetables can be obtained **online at NJ TRANSIT** or at most major bus and rail terminals. See the next page for instructions on how to read a timetable.

If you're on-the-go, you can also check bus schedules by calling **973-275-5555** or referring to **MyBus** for real-time bus arrivals at bus stops. Skip ahead for a step-by-step tutorial.

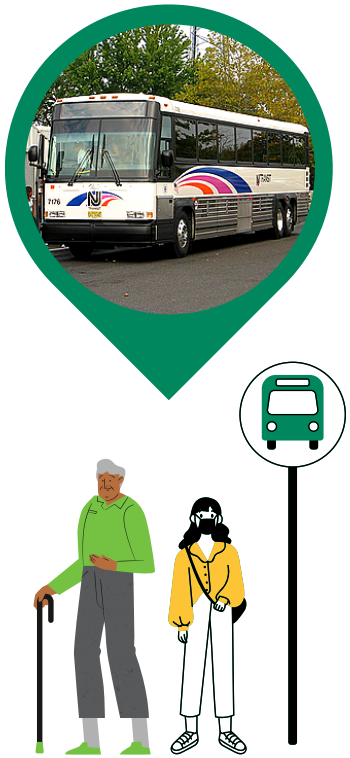
TIMETABLES

Reading a timetable is easy! See the next page for an example of a time table and use the instructions below to practice.

01 Choose your **direction of travel** and choose the weekday (Monday-Friday) or weekend (Saturday, Sunday and holidays) section of the schedule.

02 Find the **location that you want to start from** on the timetable. Not all bus stops are listed on the timetable. The time points listed represent major stops on the bus route. The bus will also stop at locations along the route that are between the time points as long as it is safe to pull over. If your stop is between two time points, use the earlier time as your guide.

03 Select the **time that you want to start your trip** and read across the timetable to your destination to see the arrival time. If there is a letter listed to the left of the times listed for the trip that you plan to take, look for the explanation under or near the schedule block.



HOW TO READ THE TIMETABLE

Service Designation

Destination

Route Number

To Hamilton Marketplace

ZLine To Matrix Business Park

601

Weekdays

EWING College of New Jersey	EWING Pennington Rd. at Eggerts Crossing Rd.	EWING Pennington St. at N. Olden Ave.	TRENTON State St. at Calhoun St.	TRENTON State St. at S. Warren St.	TRENTON TRANSIT CENTER - West Bus Stop Clinton Ave at Barlow St.	TRENTON Bellevue Ave. at Franklin St.	HAMILTON TWP. Park Ave at Parkinson Ave.	HAMILTON TWP. Princeton Ave. at Arena Dr.	HAMILTON TWP. - KMart Shopping Center Whitehorse Ave. at Kuser Rd.	HAMILTON TWP. Harwood Shopping Village	HAMILTON TWP. Hamilton Marketplace
MAP REFERENCE											
1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
521	525	530	539	541	547	555	600	602	607	612	620
556	600	605	614	616	622	630	635	637	642	647	655
645	650	656	705	708	714	722	728	730	734	741	749
715	720	726	735	738	744	752	758	800	806	811	820
750	755	801	810	813	819	827	833	835	841	846	855
828	833	840	849	852	858	906	912	914	920	925	934
1028	1033	1040	1049	1052	1059	1108	1114	1116	1122	1127	1136
1128	1133	1140	1149	1152	1159	**1208**	**1214**	**1216**	**1222**	**1227**	**1236**
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128	**133**	**140**	**149**	**152**	**159**	**208**	**214**	**216**	**222**	**227**	**236**
228	**233**	**240**	**249**	**252**	**259**	**308**	**314**	**316**	**322**	**327**	**336**
328	**332**	**339**	**348**	**351**	**358**	**407**	**413**	**415**	**421**	**426**	**435**
418	**422**	**429**	**438**	**441**	**448**	**457**	**503**	**505**	**511**	**516**	**525**
448	**452**	**459**	**508**	**511**	**518**	**527**	**533**	**535**	**541**	**546**	**555**
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Saturdays

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655	659	705	713	716	722	730	735	737	742	746	755
755	759	805	813	816	822	830	835	837	843	847	856
855	859	906	914	917	923	931	937	939	945	949	958
955	959	1006	1014	1017	1023	1032	1038	1040	1046	1050	1059
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Sundays

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Fare Information

Daily

HAMILTON TWP. Hamilton MarketplaceLace - Ruby Tuesday Bus Stop	ROBBINSVILLE Matrix Business Park at 7A
MAP REF.	
13	14
510	525
545	600
630	645
705	720
735	750
500	**515**
535	**550**
605	**620**
640	**655**

Timepoints along the route

Times the bus will arrive at stop

NJ TRANSIT MYBUS

NJ TRANSIT provides a real-time service information system for bus customers. The service, **mybus,** provides access to real-time bus location and arrival information. Customers can obtain their **bus stop ID** online at njtransit.com or from mybus signs posted at bus stops statewide. Follow these easy steps to obtain information about your bus stop:

01 Locate the mybus sign above the NJ TRANSIT bus stop sign.

02 Identify the bus stop number.

03 Call **973-275-5555** or text your bus stop number to mybus (**69287**). You will be provided with the time of the next bus scheduled to arrive at your stop

FARES

NJ TRANSIT fares operate on a zone system. **Your fare is based on the number of zones that you travel through.** Check the map on the schedule to see how many zones you travel through. You also can check fares by going to **Bus Point-to-Point Planner** and entering your travel information.

If you are beginning your trip on the River LINE and transferring to a bus, purchase one zone with a transfer ticket from the Ticket Vending Machine before boarding the River LINE.

ZONE	1	2	3	4	TRANSFER
REDUCED FARE	$0.75	$1.00	$1.25	$1.50	$0.30
FULL FARE	$1.60	$2.25	$2.75	$3.35	$0.70
MONTHLY PASS	$54.00	$71.00	$83.00	$90.00	N/A

Transfer must be purchased when boarding initial bus

NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Program

Individuals age **62 and older save 50% or more** on NJ TRANSIT tickets and passes. You can use cash to pay for these tickets and passes. You may be asked to show the driver an ID with proof of your age. Any ID with your date of birth and issued by a government, social service or mass transit agency is acceptable. You can also obtain a NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Card by calling NJ TRANSIT at **973-491-7112.**

FARES

Once you've determined what route you want to take and how much your trip will cost, there are several ways to pay for the fares. If you're thinking about taking a single trip or purchasing a multi-trip bus pass, check the options below to see which one is most appropriate for you.

Pay the fare when you board.

Tell the driver your destination so he or she can confirm your fare. All Mercer County buses (except the 409/418) **require exact change to pay the fare.** Drivers cannot make change. One dollar bills and coins are accepted. Cash and coins are inserted into a fare box.

Buy a pass for your regular commute.

Bus passes are available at most major terminals and at local outlets throughout New Jersey. At NJ TRANSIT ticket offices and Ticket Vending Machines, monthly and FlexPass bus passes are available for purchase beginning at 5 p.m. on the 19th of the previous month through the 10th of the month for which the pass is valid.

Ticket Agents

Commissioned Ticket Agents (CTA) are private retail businesses that sell NJ TRANSIT bus tickets or passes on the agency's behalf. In Mercer County, there is one CTA office in Trenton where you can buy one way, monthly, and 10-trip passes.

Fuji Newsstand 2 North Broad Street, Trenton, NJ
Call **609-393-1115** for more info.

TIPS FOR FLAGGING THE BUS

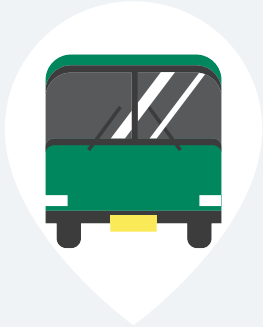
01 Wait for your bus at a designated bus stop where you see a bus stop sign or at a location where you have been told by a NJ TRANSIT representative to wait. Check the **bus stop sign** to make sure that your bus stops there.

02 Arrive at your stop at least **5 mins. earlier** than the scheduled bus departure time.

03 When you see the bus approaching, **raise your arm and wave your hand** to the bus driver as a signal that you would like to board the bus.

04 Check the **destination sign** on the bus before boarding. Some buses have multiple destinations. If you are unsure, ask the driver. They will be glad to assist you.

When the bus arrives at the stop, **board carefully and use the handrails** if needed to assist you as you step on the bus.



All NJ TRANSIT buses can kneel (lowering the distance to the first step) making it easier to board the bus. If you need the bus to kneel to climb aboard, do not hesitate to ask the driver for this service. All NJ Transit routes are also operated with **lift-equipped buses**.

TRANSFERS

Sometimes it is necessary to transfer to another bus or light rail line to reach your destination. For these times, you need to purchase a transfer. Using a transfer saves money and is less expensive than paying the fare without a transfer on the second bus.

How much is a Transfer?

Transfers are purchased from the bus operator when you are paying for your fare. Transfers for full fares cost $.70 and $.30 for reduced fares.

How long do Transfers work?

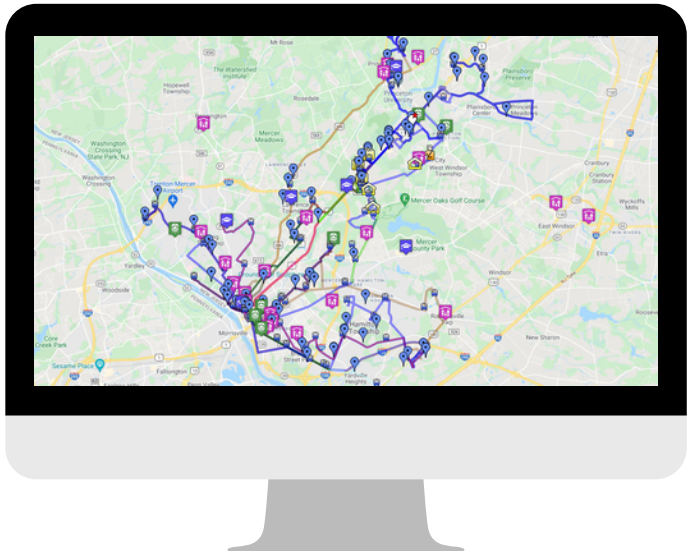
The transfers are valid for two hours after your purchase. The transfers are valid for using a second bus or the NJ TRANSIT River LINE for a one zone ride. If travel on the second bus is greater than one zone, there will be an additional charge.

If you are beginning your trip on the River LINE and transferring to a bus, **purchase one zone with a transfer ticket** from the Ticket Vending Machine before boarding the River LINE.

NJ TRANSIT ROUTES

NJ TRANSIT operates an extensive bus network of intra and interstate routes throughout New Jersey and into New York and Philadelphia. There are many local routes, 600, 601, 603, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 611, 612, 613, 619, and 624 within Mercer County. Service to Philadelphia is also provided on the 409/418. Find the route that's right for you and get on board.

See the next page for information on routes in Mercer County and where to find service schedules and timetables. To view NJ TRANSIT's Mercer County Bus Routes on our interactive map, **click here** or visit gmtma.org/interactive-map/



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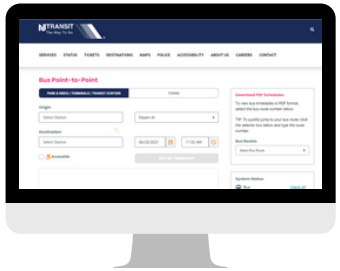
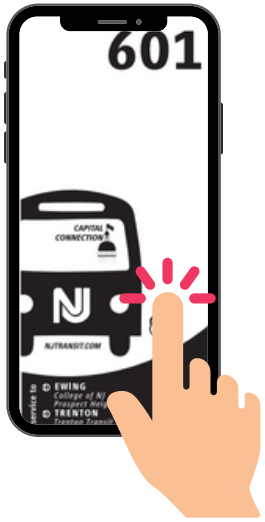
Click on the route numbers below to view NJ TRANSIT Timetables. You may also view and download PDF versions from the **NJ TRANSIT website.**

Route	Terminus #1	Terminus #2
600	Trenton Transit Center	Plainsboro
601	The College of New Jersey	Hamilton Marketplace
603	Mercer Mall	Hamilton Square
605	Quaker Bridge Mall	Montgomery Twp.
606	Princeton	Hamilton Marketplace
607	Ewing	Hamilton Ind. Plaza
608	Ewing	Hamilton Station
609	Ewing	Quaker Bridge Mall
612	Princeton Junc. Rail Station	Lawrence Twp. Loop
613	Mercer Mall	Hamilton Marketplace
619	Ewing	Mercer Community College
624	Pennington	East Trenton
409	Philadelphia	Trenton Transit Center
418	Camden	Trenton Transit Center