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Airport workers from Elizabeth get free shuttle bus to early shifts

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ELIZABETH — Several dozens city residents once again have free shuttle bus service available from their homes to early morning jobs at Newark Liberty International Airport.

Earlier this month, Meadowlink, a non-profit service, resumed running shuttles 2 a.m. to 5 a.m., picking up workers at their homes and taking them to jobs at the airport, Meadowlink and Union County officials said.

The shuttles, which are used by about 50 city residents, had run for several years, but stopped in January when money ran out for the program, said Kirsha Murthy, executive director of Meadowlink. NJ Transit issued a grant to Meadowlinks, using federal funds, to resume the service, Murthy said.

Union County Freeholder Angel Estrada, who is also a trustee for the non-profit agency, said the shuttles offer workers safe travel to and from their jobs.



Free shuttle bus service has resume for several dozen Elizabeth residents who work late night and early morning jobs at Newark Liberty International Airport. The Star-Ledger

Workers who call to reserve a seat on a shuttle are picked up at their homes and driven to an NJ Transit bus stop at Terminal B in the airport. Two shuttle buses are used for the service, with a bus leaving the airport every 30 minutes from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m., seven days a week.

Under the brand name EZ Ride, Meadowlink manages carpool, vanpool and employee shuttle programs, along with transportation service across the state.