

Bridging the Gap: The 20-Year Legacy of the Harmon Meadow Shuttle



As one of the first shuttle programs operated by EZ Ride, the *Harmon Meadow Shuttle* has remained in continuous service for nearly two decades, demonstrating the long-term impact of dependable, community-focused transportation solutions.

Bridging the “Last Mile Gap”

Located just six miles from Secaucus Junction, one of New Jersey’s busiest transit hubs, Harmon Meadow is home to a dynamic mix of more than two-million square feet of office space, seven hotels, more than a dozen restaurants, and one large residential community. Prior to the shuttle’s launch, accessing the station without a car was a significant challenge. *Hartz Mountain Industries*, in collaboration with EZ Ride, helped bridge that gap. Today, that vision has resulted in a fleet of three shuttle buses that provide high frequency seamless connection between Secaucus Junction and Harmon Meadow.

The impact has been substantial. Ridership has grown steadily over the years, with the shuttle now providing more than 3,500 rides per month. In addition to improving mobility, the service has reduced the need for hundreds of parking spaces, helping ease congestion, and supporting more sustainable transportation options.

A Competitive Edge for Business

Beyond the numbers, the shuttle has become an essential amenity for businesses and property managers. By enhancing access to public transit, it increases the appeal of Harmon Meadow for employers and retail destinations alike making it easier to attract talent, serve customers, and remain competitive in the region.

“Our tenants needed a reliable way for employees, customers, residents, and guests to access public transit. Establishing a strong connection between Harmon Meadow and

Secaucus Junction significantly expanded access without relying on cars,” said Sal Gentile, Executive Vice President of Hartz Mountain Industries. “We are very pleased with our 20-year partnership with EZ Ride and look forward to continuing to evolve to better serve our community.”

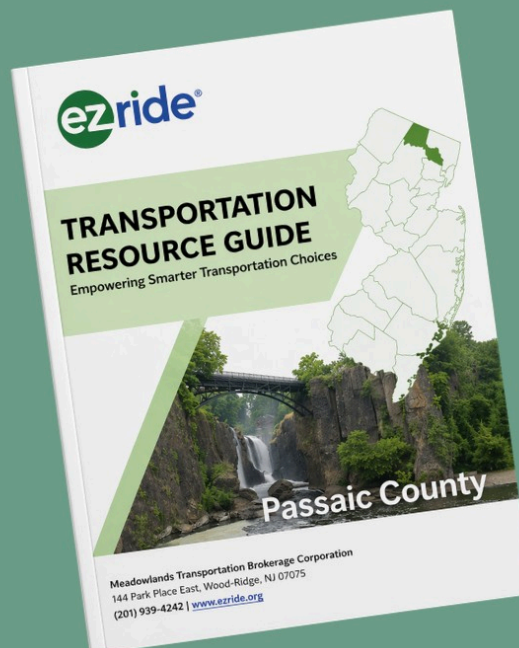
Over the past 20 years, the Harmon Meadow Shuttle has demonstrated the power of strong public-private partnerships. Funded by Hartz and operated by EZ Ride, the service continues to adapt alongside the community supporting growth, improving mobility, and reinforcing the critical link between transportation and economic vitality. EZ Ride remains proud to deliver a service that not only moves people, but helps communities thrive.

For more information or if you are interested in establishing a shuttle service contact Kinga Skora at (201) 939-4242 ext. 131 or email kskora@ezride.org.



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New Passaic County Transportation Guide Connects Residents to Essential Rides



EZ Ride is pleased to announce the release of the ***Passaic County Transportation Resource Guide***, a comprehensive tool designed to help residents navigate the wide range of transportation options available throughout the county.

Developed in partnership with Passaic County, the guide connects residents to essential mobility services including public transit, county programs, and specialized transportation making it easier to access jobs, healthcare, education, and everyday destinations.

“Expanding access to reliable and affordable transportation is critical to supporting our residents and strengthening our communities,” said Ahmet Akdag, Division Director of Passaic County Paratransit. “This guide brings together important transportation information in one place, making it a valuable resource for anyone seeking available services in our county.”

Beyond supporting residents and caregivers, the guide also serves as a valuable planning resource for local officials, transit planners, and service providers. It provides key insights to help evaluate existing services, identify gaps, and inform future improvements that enhance mobility across the community.

At EZ Ride, we believe mobility creates opportunity. The Passaic County Transportation Resource Guide represents an important step in our ongoing commitment to making Passaic County more connected, accessible, and equitable for all. Similar guides for Bergen, Essex and Monmouth counties are available on [our website](#).



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Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) Earns Gold for EV Leadership



EZ Ride congratulates the [Atlantic County Utilities Authority \(ACUA\)](#) on earning two Gold EV Adoption Leadership (EVAL) certifications for workplace EV charging and fleet electrification at their Environmental Park in Egg Harbor Township and Water Treatment Facility in Atlantic City.

The recognition caps a 20-year commitment to clean transportation. Since introducing hybrid vehicles in 2004, ACUA has steadily expanded its fleet with plug-in hybrids, electric vehicles, and charging infrastructure.

The momentum has accelerated in recent years. In 2024, ACUA added an all-electric Ford F-150 Lightning and tested an electric front loader. By 2025, it expanded its charging infrastructure and piloted an electric- powered refuse truck, demonstrating readiness to electrify even heavy-duty operations.

Today, employees have access to on-site EV charging, and ACUA plans to install a public dual fast-charger and add Level 2 chargers at its recycling center in Egg Harbor Township.

The progress is driven by Matthew DeNafo, President of ACUA, who has made electrification a strategic priority. “ACUA is committed to reducing our impact on the environment,” DeNafo said. “We will continue to expand the use of EVs in our fleet and

make our charging infrastructure available to employees and the public. Transitioning to EVs helps reduce emissions and supports our mission to protect the environment from pollution.”

The future is electric. While EVs currently represent about 4% of light-duty vehicles on the road, New Jersey recorded approximately 72,000 EV registrations last year, accounting for more than 13% of all new vehicle registrations. Rising gas prices, particularly above \$4 a gallon, continue to accelerate consumer interest in electric vehicles.

For workplace charging support or EVAL information, contact EZ Ride at ev@ezride.org or (201) 939-4242, ext 123.



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Upcoming Event:

- May 13, Wheels and Watts Webinar | 11:00 am - [Register](#)

From Classrooms to Crosswalks: Advancing Safety in East Orange



The [City of East Orange](#) has demonstrated that safety is a shared responsibility, bringing together the police, schools and the city leadership to create safer communities. The result – 20 schools and the City have been recognized for promoting safety at one of three different levels of the Safe Route to School Program – First Step, Bronze, or Silver Award. This recognition also positions the City for potential future funding opportunities from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to support infrastructure improvements that further enhance safety.

This year, EZ Ride staff delivered safety presentations at the Althea Gibson Academy, Whitney Houston Academy, and the Cicely L. Tyson Community Elementary School of the Performing and Fine Arts, with additional programs scheduled throughout the spring.

"Recently, the Cicely L. Tyson Community Elementary School of the Performing and Fine Arts invited EZ Ride to educate our students about the health and environmental benefits of walking and biking to school. The presentations were dynamic and fully engaged our students in learning how to stay safe while crossing intersections. We are looking forward to a fruitful partnership," said Captain Marilyn Berrouet, School Resource Officers Supervisor, East Orange Police Department.

EZ Ride also partnered with the City on a new initiative to improve pedestrian safety and reduce traffic speed at key transit hubs, including along Freeway Drive and East Orange and Brick Church Stations. As part of this effort, EZ Ride staff participated in a demonstration project, hosted a community bike ride, conducted bike and scooter safety classes, and distributed helmets to residents in need.

In addition, EZ Ride serves on the Essex County Safe Streets for All Action Plan Advisory Committee (APAC) helping to prioritize safety improvements along high-injury corridors within the county. The East Orange Police Department's School Resource Officer also participates on the committee, strengthening connections between community partners like EZ Ride and local schools. EZ Ride is proud of its partnership with the City of East Orange and the East Orange School District.




EZ Ride's impact extends across more than 1,000 schools in Bergen, Monmouth, and urban communities in Essex, Passaic, and Union counties. Each year, the organization collaborates with more than 200 schools and municipalities, hosting more than 400 events that are attended by 40,000+ participants.

To learn how EZ Ride can support safety initiatives in your community, email bikeped@ezride.org or call 201-939-4242 Option 3.



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 <p>Annual Conference May 8th, 2026 9:00 am</p> <p>The Hayatt Regency Princeton, NJ</p>	 <p>AGING IN EVERY SECTOR</p>	<p>Connect to NJ TRANSIT with MicroLink.</p>  <p>Pilot Program Available in Bergen & Monmouth County</p>
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About EZ Ride



At EZ Ride we believe that a safe, affordable & reliable transportation system is vital to maintaining our quality of life and promoting the economic growth of the region. Transportation is a daily concern for commuters who cannot afford to drive to work, for older adults who do not drive a car, and for businesses whose employees and customers may not have easy access to public transportation.

For over 40 years, we have helped people overcome transportation barriers by partnering with businesses and governments to implement transportation programs and services like carpools, vanpools, shuttles, biking & walking programs and even transportation with companies like Lyft and Uber.

EZ Ride is a non-profit organization and in 2013, we were recognized for excellence in serving the needs of the community and named the *Urban Community Transportation System of the Year* by the Community Transportation Association of America.

Whatever your mobility needs, EZ Ride is here to help
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