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Transportation Information for EZ Riders

NJ TransAction Conference



NJ TransAction 2020 KICKS OFF a "live" day on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, and after that, will be available to be watched and be visited for 30 days!

Virtual NJ TransAction 2020 will allow attendees to visit exhibitors and even chat one on one in real-time through audio and video on the "live" event day. More than 80 live, real-time chat and pre-recorded workshop

sessions specializing in bus, rail, roads, bridges, goods movement, engineering, planning, pedestrian/bicycle, paratransit, community transportation, ports, NJ TRANSIT, NJ DOT, PATH, AMTRAK, and much more. Some sessions are dedicated to addressing the challenges of the Covid-19 virus. Click here to view Virtual Conference Program.

Pledge To Be a "Walk Star"



This month is Walktober and EZ Ride is hosting a Walk to School Campaign and offering students an opportunity to win some great prizes. We encourage schools to promote walking, and excite students about walking even if school is virtual! Eligible students must be from a school located in any of the following counties: Bergen, Essex, Union, Passaic & Monmouth.

The top five schools with the highest percentage of students who walk to school or other places will win EZ Ride's "Golden Sneaker Award".

All participants must **complete** a **PLEDGE** on EZ Ride's website for each day they walk and upload a photo of them walking.

EZ Ride Annual Recognition Event - January 27, 2021

The continuing crisis about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has made it necessary for us to postpone the 2020 Annual Recognition Event. Coming to this decision has not been easy,



but our attendees' health and safety concerns left us with no other choice.

We will now be offering a virtual event on January 27, 2021, from 2 to 4 pm. We are finalizing the details, and we will share them with you soon.

Please accept our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We are looking forward to your participation in our virtual event.

Please contact Kinga Skora at **kskora@ezride.org** with any additional questions.

EZ Ride Shuttles - Your Safety is Our Priority

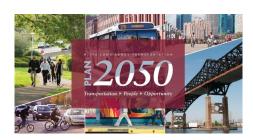


At EZ Ride, the health and safety of our riders come first always and every time. To ensure your protection, we test our drivers regularly. In fact, after conducting more than 1,000 tests, not once did a driver test positive. We disinfect our shuttles several times a day using an Electrostatic Sprayer, which is also used by major airlines. To ensure everyone's safety, we require all riders and drivers to wear a face-covering in our shuttles and practice social distancing. Here is a **short video** that demonstrates our efforts to ensure

your safety.

Please visit our **shuttles** page to confirm the operational status of your shuttle.

2050 Transportation Plan - Share Your Ideas



Plan 2050 is the long-range transportation plan for North Jersey. Think of it as a 30-year vision for the 13-county region's transportation future. The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) must adopt a new plan every four years so the region can receive federal transportation funds. Plan 2050 will cover a variety of topics, including: transportation, equity, quality

of life and more.

Share YOUR ideas, interests and concerns about all aspects of transportation in North Jersey. You have a chance to win a \$50 gift card to a local business of your choice by taking the **Survey**.

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Grants



The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) offers funding for the **Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program** (TA Set-Aside), which is federally funded and administered by NJDOT, in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO).

TA Set-Aside Grants are community-based, non-traditional transportation projects (land and water) which expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life, and protect the environment. For additional information on TA Set-Aside grants, visit NJDOT's Local Aid Resource Center website.

Community Change Grants



America Walks and generous Active People, Health Nations partners are excited to announce another round of our popular Community Change Grant program. This program will award grantees \$1,500.00 in community stipends for projects related to creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work, and play.

This grant program will work to provide support to the growing network of advocates, organizations,

and agencies using innovative, engaging, and inclusive programs and projects to create change at the community level. Applications open October 5th and are due through **submission of this form** by November 9th at 5pm Eastern. Awardees will be notified in December 2020. Funds must be used in the 2021 calendar year.

NJ Gasoline Tax Increases to 50.7 Cents per Gallon



New Jersey's gas tax increased by 9.3 cents per gallon on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020. At 50.7 cents a gallon, New Jersey's gas tax will be fourth highest among U.S. states on Thursday, behind only California, Pennsylvania and Illinois, according to the American Petroleum Institute. New Jersey currently ranks 10th highest. The last increase was in October 2018.

EZ Ride can help you identify alternative transportation such as **Carpooling**, **Vanpooling**, **Shuttle service** or **Transit options** to save on your travel costs.

Fabuwood Embraces Vanpooling



In September 2020, Fabuwood Cabinetry Corp., a NJ-based kitchen cabinet manufacturer set up its first **Vanpool Program** with two seven-passenger vans to help their employees to commute from their homes in Lakewood to their work-site in Newark.

The 130-mile round trip on a vanpool saves money for the employees using the service – thanks to subsidies provided by NJ Transit and EZ Ride.

- An Empty Seat Subsidy of \$60 a month for three months, currently covering two seats in each van
- \$175 per month NJ Transit subsidy

 The Emergency Ride Home program that provides up to three free rides home to each rider in case of an emergency.

"I am so impressed with the support from our representatives at EZ Ride and Enterprise in launching our vanpool program. The program will help us to retain our skilled employees by making their commute convenient and affordable. You have both been more than helpful in the process," said Aron Ringel, Desktop Support Engineer of Fabuwood Cabinetry Corp.

Stay Safe and Healthy

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