

# The Transporter

Transport information for business executives, elected officials, and school administrators in New Jersey

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## EZ Ride “Champions for Change” Annual Recognition Event October 19, 2021

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Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 19, for our annual EZ Ride **“Champions for Change” recognition event**. The celebration will pay tribute to our unsung heroes and feature exciting speakers including a keynote address by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette as well as the recognition of all our award winners.

This virtual event will begin at 2 p.m. and conclude an hour later. Please **join us** as we celebrate our 2021 award recipients. These include our NJ Smart Work Place awards and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) awards for our municipal and school partners. We look forward to seeing you there! Final agenda and invitations will follow shortly. For more information, email [kskora@ezride.org](mailto:kskora@ezride.org) or call (201) 939-4242 Ext. 131.

**REGISTER**

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## Garfield Buff Company Starts First Vanpool

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As many companies start bringing employees back to their worksites, some may deliberate on the best way to retain their skilled employees. Garfield Buff Company, a family owned and operated business, did just that by creating their first vanpool group. The company, located in Fairfield, New Jersey, specializes in a complete line of buffing and polishing wheels. They have recently initiated their first 15-passenger vanpool to help their employees commute from their homes in Bronx, New York.

The 73-mile round trip on the vanpool saves money for the employees using the service – thanks to subsidies provided by NJ Transit. The subsidy of \$175 per month from NJ Transit is deducted every month from their monthly vehicle lease. EZ Ride also offers an Emergency Ride Home program that provides up to three free rides home to each rider in case of an emergency. Employers could choose to partially or fully subsidize the cost of the vanpool.

Our EZ Ride vanpool program offers cost-effective employee transportation which averages about \$6 per day roundtrip for an employee. If you are interested in starting a new vanpool or joining one of our existing vanpools, please contact EZ Ride at (201) 939-4242 Ext.131 or email [kskora@ezride.org](mailto:kskora@ezride.org).

## Vanpool Program

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## Ryde4Life Transportation Provides Safety During Pandemic

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At EZ Ride, we believe that offering safe, affordable and reliable transportation is vital to maintaining our quality of life and promoting economic growth in the region. With the increasing number of Delta Variant cases, our Ryde4Life program offers members a safe and flexible transportation alternative to get around during the pandemic. The rides are coordinated by EZ Ride and provided by Lyft or Uber. All riders and drivers are required to wear a mask to ensure their safety. The program is available to riders age 18 and over.

We work with multiple counties, townships, and non-profit organizations throughout New Jersey to provide rides for their clients. These services often supplement the county, or municipal transportation supplied to residents. If your county or township is interested in participating and wants more details about the Ryde4Life program, please call (201) 939-4242, Ext. 131.

## Ryde4Life Program

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## Celebrate NJ Walk and Bike to School Day – October 6, 2021

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October 6 is NJ Walk and Bike to School Day and EZ Ride can help you celebrate the event. We can provide you with a free and fun walk with some added amenities. The day can be celebrated on October 6 or on any other day in October that works for your school's schedule.

You could consider offering students water and fresh fruit as a welcome snack or coordinating a raffle with prizes for kids who walk or bike. In addition, EZ Ride will provide complimentary walk and bike stickers. For helpful tips, check out this [video](#). You can register your event and get more ideas and free signs. For more info, contact Latoya Howard at [LHoward@ezride.org](mailto:LHoward@ezride.org) or call us (201) 939-4242 ext. 5.

Register Now!

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## Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant

# Applications Due October 14, 2021

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The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is currently accepting applications for the 2022 Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

infrastructure grant program. The deadline to apply is October 14, 2021. Program requirements and supporting documents are available at the [NJDOT Local Aid Resource Center website](#).

NJDOT is offering free online training sessions providing participants with information about the application process to the SRTS Program. Topics that will be covered in this online training include: an Overview of Federal Aid programs and the Safe Routes to School Program; Detailed Review of the Safe Routes to School Grant Application; Grant Application Process; Grant Resources, Tips & Strategies; and Q&A with NJDOT Local Aid Staff. [The training webinar](#) is designed to assist with making your grant application stronger to turn your project into a reality and will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Safe Routes To School Grants

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## NJBPU Expands Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program

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The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities **announced** that it has approved the expansion of its \$7 million Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program. This program, which was created to help meet Gov. Phil Murphy's clean energy goals, offers grants for public entities to purchase electric vehicles and related charging infrastructure.

"Transportation is responsible for 46 percent of New Jersey's net greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to the damaging effects of climate change and poor air quality in our communities," said NJBPU President Joseph L. Fiordaliso. "Electrifying our transportation sector is critical to achieving Gov. Murphy's goal of 100 percent clean energy by 2050, and requires a collective effort at the state and local level. By expanding the [Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program](#) we are providing more opportunities for local and state government entities to upgrade their fleets and infrastructure while participating in the clean energy revolution."

Eligible entities include local schools, municipal commissions, state agencies or boards, state commissions, state universities, community colleges, and county authorities in addition to municipalities, municipal utility authorities, and state agencies.

## Clean Fleet Program

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