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NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS

**NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION
NJ TRANSIT RAIL OPERATIONS, INC.
NJ TRANSIT BUS OPERATIONS, INC.
NJ TRANSIT MERCER, INC.
NJ TRANSIT MORRIS, INC.
NJ TRANSIT SOUTHERN LIGHT RAIL, INC.**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is notice that the meetings of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Transit Corporation, NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Bus Operations, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Mercer, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Morris, Inc. and NJ TRANSIT Southern Light Rail, Inc. will be held at **NJ TRANSIT Headquarters Building, Two Gateway, 283-299 Market Street, Newark, NJ** on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026 BEGINNING at 6:00 PM.**

MEETING ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A GUEST PASS FROM THE 2 GATEWAY SECURITY DESK, GO THROUGH POLICE SECURITY SCREENINGS, AND THEN SIGN IN FOR THE MEETING WITH STAFF AT THE RECEPTION TABLE OUTSIDE THE BOARD ROOM. PLEASE ALLOW EXTRA TIME.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: Members of the public who cannot participate in person are encouraged to watch the meetings on the corporation's website in real time at www.njtransit.com/board. The meetings will also be video recorded, archived, and made available to the public for subsequent viewing on the corporation's website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT REGISTRATION:

Members of the public are encouraged to **pre-register in advance to provide public comments**. Members of the public who wish to provide public comments should use the "REGISTER/SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR AN UPCOMING MEETING" form on NJ TRANSIT's website at: https://njtransit.my.salesforce-sites.com/customerservice/site_app#/board_meeting_registration.

THE DEADLINE TO PRE-REGISTER IS 5:00 PM. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026. We recommend using Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Firefox, or Safari for the best experience.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES:

Each speaker will have three (3) minutes to provide comments.

IN PERSON: Speakers who pre-register and attend the meetings in-person will be given priority and have their comments taken first. In-person speakers who did not pre-register in advance will then be taken on a first-come-first-serve basis.

TELEPHONE: Speakers who pre-register and participate by telephone will follow the in-person speakers. Telephone participants who did not pre-register in advance, and queue to speak, will have their comments taken on a first-come-first-serve basis thereafter.

The toll-free dial-in phone number is 1-800-346-7359 and the conference entry code is 701939. Speakers participating by telephone may begin calling in at 9:30 A.M. to check in with the call proctor. Once checked in, participants can press *1 to enter the queue to provide public comments. There will be a brief tone to indicate you have successfully entered the queue. Anyone joining the meeting will be on a “Music Hold” prior to the meeting.

The **next meetings are scheduled** to be held on **Thursday, March 12, 2026** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the Board Room at the NJ TRANSIT Headquarters Building, Two Gateway, 283-299 Market Street, Newark, NJ.

This notice is being provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, c.231 and the NJ TRANSIT reform legislation, P.L. 2018, c.162.

Meghan Clark Umukoro

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Board Secretary

February 5, 2026

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

FINAL AGENDA

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
- **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- **PRESIDENT & CEO'S MONTHLY REPORT**
- **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ACTION ITEMS

2602-02 BRICK CHURCH STATION – TRACK BED WATERPROOFING AND CONCRETE REPAIRS – Authorization to enter into NJ TRANSIT Contract No. 0000147 with Union Paving and Construction Co., Inc. of Mountainside, New Jersey, for the Brick Church Station Track Bed Waterproofing and Concrete Repairs, in an amount not to exceed \$14,970,557.26, plus five percent for contingencies.

2602-03 PERTH AMBOY STATION ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – CONTRACT AMENDMENTS: CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION DESIGN SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES – Authorization to provide additional funding in the amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.00, plus five percent for contingencies, to negotiate and execute necessary changes to NJ TRANSIT Contract No. 21-039X with Hall Construction Co., Inc. of Wall, New Jersey, for the construction of the Perth Amboy Accessibility Improvements Project, subject to the availability of funds.

Authorization to provide additional funding in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, plus five percent for contingencies, for NJ TRANSIT Contract No. 20-044 with KS Engineers, P.C. of Newark, New Jersey, to provide additional Construction Management services for the Perth Amboy Station Accessibility Improvements Project, subject to the availability of funds.

Authorization to provide additional funding in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, plus five percent for contingencies, for NJ TRANSIT

Contract No. 10-039 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. of Rochelle Park, New Jersey, to provide additional Construction Engineering services for the Perth Amboy Station Accessibility Improvements Project, subject to the availability of funds.

- 2602-04 WEEHAWKEN FERRY MAINTENANCE FACILITY** – Authorization, approval, and consent to assist New York Waterway with the cost of the rehabilitation of the Weehawken Ferry Maintenance and Fueling Facility by allocating \$12,000,000 that was reserved as Capital Ferry Improvement Funds, and allocating \$12,000,000 from NJ TRANSIT’s Ferry Capital Improvement Program, for a total of \$24,000,000, subject to the availability of funds and Board approval of NJ TRANSIT’s Operating Budget.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2602-05 AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE LITIGATION RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY, FORMERLY OWNED BY DEFENDANT, TP ACCESS, LLC** – Authorization to take any and all actions necessary to settle the litigation related to the acquisition of property in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, which includes two parcels containing approximately 17.87 acres formerly owned by TP Access, LLC, a limited liability company controlled by Mr. Gulshan Chhabra, identified as 400 Bergen Turnpike and 151 Route 46, aka Block 49.01, Lot 2 and Block 40.02, Lot 2, in the Village of Ridgefield Park, and to pay funds identified from the Transportation Trust Fund to TP Access, LLC in accordance with the terms discussed in Executive Session to settle the matter.

- 2602-06 PERSONAL INJURY CLAIM OF MILAGROS CARABALLO** – Authorization to settle the claim of Milagros Caraballo, through her attorney, at an amount discussed in executive session. The Attorney General has approved the proposed settlement, subject to the availability of funds.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION AUTHORIZATION**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, the Bylaws provide that the minutes of actions taken at meetings of the New Jersey Transit Corporation, NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Bus Operations, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Mercer, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Morris, Inc., and NJ TRANSIT Southern Light Rail, Inc. Board of Directors be approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4(f) of the New Jersey Public Transportation Act of 1979, the minutes of actions taken at the December 10, 2025 and the January 27, 2026 Board Meetings of the New Jersey Transit Corporation, NJ TRANSIT Bus Operations, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Mercer, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Morris, Inc., and NJ TRANSIT Southern Light Rail, Inc. were forwarded to the Governor on December 18, 2025 and January 27, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of actions taken at the December 10, 2025, and the January 27, 2026 Board Meetings of the New Jersey Transit Corporation, NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Bus Operations, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Mercer, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Morris, Inc., and NJ TRANSIT Southern Light Rail, Inc. Board of Directors' meetings are hereby approved.

PRESIDENT & CEO'S REPORT

**THIS REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED
SEPARATELY**

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 2602-02: BRICK CHURCH STATION – TRACK BED WATERPROOFING AND CONCRETE REPAIRS

WHEREAS, Brick Church Station, an existing three-track commuter rail station on the Morris and Essex Line, was constructed in 1921–1922 and is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the station includes a two-story station building with two separate waiting rooms beneath an elevated viaduct, and the tracks and platforms are constructed on an elevated viaduct requiring significant structural and waterproofing repairs; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT requires waterproofing and concrete repairs of the complete track bed, platforms, crawl spaces under the platforms, track drainage improvements, and viaduct repairs; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT advertised an Invitation for Bid (IFB) on August 8, 2025, held a pre-bid meeting and site visit on August 12, 2025, and received three bids on October 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Union Paving and Construction Co., Inc., of Mountainside, New Jersey, submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$14,970,557.26; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends award of NJ TRANSIT Contract No. 0000147 to Union Paving and Construction Co., Inc. for the Brick Church Station track bed waterproofing and concrete repairs in an amount not to exceed \$14,970,557.26, plus five percent for contingencies, subject to the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, funding for this contract will be provided by the State of New Jersey Debt Defeasance Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair or President & CEO are authorized to enter into NJ TRANSIT Contract No. 0000147 with Union Paving and Construction Co., Inc. of Mountainside, New Jersey, for the Brick Church Station Track Bed Waterproofing and Concrete Repairs in an amount not to exceed \$14,970,557.26, plus five percent for contingencies.

ITEM 2602-03: PERTH AMBOY STATION ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – CONTRACT AMENDMENTS: CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION DESIGN SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Perth Amboy Train Station is a historic commuter rail station on the North Jersey Coast Line in the City of Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the station currently serves an average of approximately 874 weekday passenger trips; and

WHEREAS, the existing historic station, constructed in 1927, is an outstanding example of Renaissance Revival style architecture; and

WHEREAS, it is also listed on the State National Registers of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the station will be fully accessible, consisting of two high-level composite platforms, new stairs, four elevators, lighting, canopies, communications, and Closed-Circuit TV (CCTV); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Trust Fund are the anticipated sources of funding for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair or President & CEO is authorized to provide additional funding in the amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.00, plus five percent for contingencies, to negotiate and execute necessary changes to NJ TRANSIT Contract No. 21-039X with Hall Construction Co., Inc. of Wall, New Jersey, for the construction of the Perth Amboy Accessibility Improvements Project, subject to the availability of funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair or President & CEO is authorized to provide additional funding in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, plus five percent for contingencies, for NJ TRANSIT Contract No. 20-044 with KS Engineers, P.C. of Newark, New Jersey, to provide additional Construction Management services for the Perth Amboy Station Accessibility Improvements Project, subject to the availability of funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair or President & CEO is authorized to provide additional funding in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, plus five percent for contingencies, for NJ TRANSIT Contract No. 10-039 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. of Rochelle Park, New Jersey, to provide additional Construction Engineering services for the Perth Amboy Station Accessibility Improvements Project, subject to the availability of funds.

ITEM 2602-04:

WEEHAWKEN FERRY MAINTENANCE FACILITY

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public Transportation Act of 1979 authorizes NJ TRANSIT to establish and provide for operation and improvement of a coherent public transportation system in the most efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT recognizes the important contribution by private ferry systems in the state's transportation network and believes it is prudent policy to establish programs to invest the State of New Jersey funds for capital acquisitions and infrastructure improvements for ferry operators; and

WHEREAS, safe, reliable, and efficient ferry service across the Hudson River benefits New Jersey residents and is vital to our region's mobility and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, NJ TRANSIT's enabling statute was amended to add passenger ferry service to NJ TRANSIT's operational powers: and

WHEREAS, Port Imperial Ferry Corp. d.b.a. New York Waterway (NYW) proposes rehabilitating a ferry maintenance and fueling facility in Weehawken, New Jersey, to support ferry commuter services between Hudson County, New Jersey, and Manhattan, New York; and

WHEREAS, NYW estimates the cost of the proposed ferry maintenance and fueling facility to be \$64,645,566; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes the critical importance of providing ferry service, and NJ TRANSIT will invest \$12,000,000 that was reserved in NJ TRANSIT's Capital Ferry Improvement funds from a direct legislative budget appropriation in FY2018; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT will permit NYW to draw forward on NJ TRANSIT's Ferry Capital Improvement Program (FCIP) funds, up to an amount of \$3,000,000 per year, beginning FY2024 through FY2027, for a maximum amount of \$12,000,000, towards the cost of the rehabilitation of the maintenance facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes, approves, and consents to assisting New York Waterway with the cost of the rehabilitation of the Weehawken Ferry Maintenance and Fueling Facility by allocating \$12,000,000 that was reserved as Capital Ferry Improvement Funds, and allocating \$12,000,000 from NJ TRANSIT's Ferry Capital Improvement Program, for a total of \$24,000,000, subject to the availability of funds and Board approval of NJ TRANSIT's Operating Budget.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 2602-05: AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE LITIGATION RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY, FORMERLY OWNED BY DEFENDANT, TP ACCESS, LLC

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT's Board of Directors approved the acquisition of properties for the construction of a new 500-bus capacity bus garage in 2020 under Board Item 2003-16 for the Northern Bus Maintenance Facility Project, including two parcels containing approximately 17.87 acres owned by TP Access, LLC, a limited liability company controlled by Mr. Gulshan Chhabra (TP Access), identified as 400 Bergen Turnpike and 151 Route 46, aka Block 49.01, Lot 2 and Block 40.02, Lot 2, in the Village of Ridgefield Park (the Property); and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT staff made an offer to purchase the Property from TP Access in accordance with Board Item 2003-16 based on its appraised value as of September 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT staff and TP Access engaged in bona fide negotiations but were unable to reach an agreement by which NJ TRANSIT would purchase the Property; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT's Board of Directors authorized additional funds for deposit with the court in June 2025, in Board Item 2506-29 to request an increased value based on NJ TRANSIT's updated appraisal to the date of Complaint, December 20, 2021, which reflected a reasonable probability of a zone change for the Property to allow for warehouse/distribution use; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT and TP Access appealed the Report of Commissioner, and are preparing for a jury trial while continuing negotiations; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT and TP Access agreed to consider a settlement, subject to the approval of NJ TRANSIT's Board of Directors, which outside counsel for NJ TRANSIT has recommended as being in the best interest of NJ TRANSIT with the terms as discussed in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, staff has identified State Transportation Trust Funds sufficient to cover the costs of the settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair or President & CEO is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to settle the litigation related to the acquisition of property in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, which includes two parcels containing approximately 17.87 acres formerly owned by TP Access, LLC, a limited liability company controlled by Mr. Gulshan Chhabra, identified as 400 Bergen Turnpike and 151 Route 46, aka Block 49.01, Lot 2 and Block 40.02, Lot 2, in the Village of Ridgefield Park, and to pay funds identified from the Transportation Trust Fund to TP Access, LLC in accordance with the terms discussed in Executive Session to settle the matter.

ITEM 2602-06:

PERSONAL INJURY CLAIM OF MILAGROS CARABALLO

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section II of the Bylaws requires Board Authorization for settlement of claims in excess of \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Milagros Caraballo has presented a claim with a probable settlement cost greater than \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the claim and recommends settling this case out of court;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair or President & CEO is authorized to settle the claim of Milagros Caraballo, through her attorney, at an amount discussed in executive session. The Attorney General has approved the proposed settlement, subject to the availability of funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AUTHORIZATION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 that the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Transit Corporation hold an executive session to discuss personnel matters, contract negotiations, the status of pending and anticipated litigation, and matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, including, but not limited to the Personal Injury Claim of the Estate of Asuncion Montano, and the Personal Injury Claim of Michael Noel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is expected that discussions undertaken at this executive session could be made public at the conclusion of these matters as appropriate.