

Update on BRT Planning in New Jersey

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Central Jersey Route 1 BRT (NJ Transit)

www.njtransit.com/tm/tm_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=Project072To

- > The 2006 NJ Transit Alternatives Analysis established that BRT service is feasible
- > The Alternatives Analysis was endorsed by the Forum, and the Forum has been steadily supportive of this project
- > Phase 1 is underway and the Forum receives updates each meeting
- > Working with core area towns on first phase concept design/service options

New Brunswick BRT Study (NJ Transit and NJTPA)

www.njtpa.org/Plan/Element/Transit/default.aspx

- > NJ Transit is studying the feasibility of a BRT system for the New Brunswick area in Middlesex County
- > This study will focus on corridors along Routes 18 and Route 27 through downtown New Brunswick. Other corridors will also be examined for ridership potential. These corridors would connect residential areas with downtown New Brunswick, the NEC rail line, the five Rutgers University New Brunswick area campuses, as well as to the Route 1 BRT system to the south
- > A Phase I report has been completed and work on Phase II of the study is underway which will document ridership potential. Intermodal Improvements around the rail station including signage, bike racks and pedestrian improvements are funded.

BRT along NJ 42, NJ 55, and the Atlantic City Expressway (DRPA/PATCO)

www.patconjexpansion.com/rtedi.html

- > This project will advance an Alternatives Analysis Study to bring BRT along Routes 42 and 55 to Camden and Philadelphia from the Gloucester and Camden county areas.
- > This route would compliment the planned Light rail route from Camden to Glassboro
- > Buses will travel along a combination of exclusive bus lanes and other bus priority treatments where feasible

Liberty Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Service (New Jersey Transit)

www.njtransit.com/var/var_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=GoBusTo

- > The second phase of "Go Bus" service (Go Bus 28) started operating in October, 2009. It is described as an enhanced bus service that will provide a faster, more convenient trip between Bloomfield, downtown Newark and Newark Liberty International Airport
- > Go Bus serves as a model for heavily-traveled corridors and provides a platform to add features associated with BRT systems.

Route 9 Bus Shoulder Lanes

www.state.nj.us/transportation/about/press/2006/112906.shtm and

<http://blog.tstc.org/2009/07/10/nj-gradually-clearing-away-obstacles-to-bus-rapid-transit>

- > In 2006, NJDOT reconstructed shoulder lanes along two stretches of Route 9 in Old Bridge Township (Middlesex County) to allow for exclusive bus use during peak hours as well as making improvements in signals and sidewalks. In 2009, engineering studies were underway to extend these successful bus shoulders south to near Freehold in Monmouth County