Transit ridership dropped significantly for all transit categories from March to April 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Northeast Corridor ridership dropped from 1.8 million to 219,000, or 88%, and South Jersey Bus ridership from 658,000 to 254,000, or 61%. South Jersey bus ridership actually exceeded the Northeast Corridor from April through August. Ridership has gradually increased from the April lows through October 2020, but is still well below pre-COVID levels with Northeast Corridor ridership at 719,000 in October and South Jersey Bus at 613,000. There has been a slight decrease in ridership from October to year-end for all categories.

*Source: NJ Transit; Mercer Bus is a subset of South Jersey Bus*
Comparing NJ Transit ridership Year-Over-Year (2019 and 2020) by month, there was a significant decline in ridership for all transit categories in April as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic with the Northeast Corridor and the River Line down by about 93 and 86 percent, respectively. Since the April lows, the gap has closed in YOY declines with October YOY for the Northeast Corridor and River Line at 77 and 47 percent, respectively. However, from October through year-end a slight increase in YOY declines has been experienced for some of the transit types with December YOY declines for the Northeast Corridor and River line at 80 and 50 percent, respectively. The other transit types remained more consistent month-to-month through year-end.

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