

MOBILITY

Transportation is the act of moving people or goods, while *mobility* is the ability to move freely. Improving mobility means expanding options so all people—regardless of income, geography, or ability—can travel safely and efficiently.

RETHINKING PUBLIC TRANSIT & MOBILITY

Traditional public transportation includes buses, trains, and ferries. Today, shared mobility (e.g., e-bikes, scooters, car shares) and microtransit—flexible, on-demand shuttle services—are critical tools for improving access in both dense urban centers and suburban or rural “transit deserts.” Expanding microtransit helps reduce single-car trips, expands access, and creates jobs.



A CLIMATE IMPERATIVE

Transportation is New Jersey's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions—38% in 2020. Transitioning to zero-emission vehicles and modern public transit is essential to achieving the state's climate goals and improving air quality in frontline communities.

ELECTRIC BUS INFRASTRUCTURE & NJ TRANSIT

NJ TRANSIT, the third-largest transit system in the U.S., moves 270 million passengers annually—but it faces chronic underfunding. Federal support has jump-started electric bus investments, but the agency still **lacks a permanent operating budget**. Continued investment is needed to modernize bus depots, train workers, and redesign bus routes for equity, electrification, and efficiency.

STATE LEADERSHIP ON CLEAN TRANSPORTATION

- **\$540M invested since 2019** in EVs, charging stations, e-mobility, and electric trucks, buses, and port vehicles.
- **Advanced Clean Truck & Clean Car II Rules** adopted to clean up our air and improve public health by mandating zero-emission vehicle sales.
- **Prioritize transportation electrification** in the Energy Master Plan.

COMPLETE STREETS & ROAD SAFETY

Complete Streets designs roads for all users—pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and drivers. While NJ leads the U.S. in policy adoption, implementation lags. Many streets still lack basic safety features like sidewalks and bike lanes. The new Target Zero Commission aims to eliminate traffic deaths by 2040.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Make the Corporate Transit Fee permanent** through the Corporate Business Tax to secure operating funds for NJ TRANSIT.
- **Expand and make permanent** the state's microtransit program.
- **Modernize the electric grid** to support widespread EV adoption.
- **Create accessible, disability-friendly** transit spaces.
- **Spend federal funds** to electrify NJ TRANSIT's fleet and garages.
- **Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)** and create revenue streams to fund electrification infrastructure.
- **Redesign NJ's bus system** holistically, including rail/bike/pedestrian connections.
- **Complete the Gateway Program** to improve Northeast Corridor rail service.
- **Defend the Advanced Clean Truck** and Advanced Clean Cars 2 Rules to accelerate electric transition.
- **Fully implement Target Zero law** and incorporate Complete Streets in all projects.

