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New Jersey Transit Fare Hike Proposed While Gas Tax Holds Steady

Statement of Tri-State Transportation Campaign Executive Director Veronica Vanterpool on the proposed New Jersey Transit fare increase:

The transportation funding structure in New Jersey is broken and transit riders alone should not be responsible for fixing it. This proposed 9 percent fare hike would be the eighth time fares were raised for New Jersey Transit riders since 1988, the year the state's gas tax -- the second lowest in the nation -- was last increased.

The Governor and the Legislature must find a long-term, sustainable funding source to meet New Jersey's increasing transportation needs. With the various funding options on the table, it is inexcusable to stick the bill to NJ Transit users.

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