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## **Statement from Tri-State Transportation Campaign on NJ Transit Launching Newark Bus Network Redesign**

*Today, NJ Transit launched a new initiative to redesign the bus network for the greater Newark area, called “NewBus Newark.” To kick off the effort, NJ Transit created a customer survey and informational website available [here](#). The initiative will include a detailed performance analysis of the area’s 38 local bus routes, assess the current transit market including where people live, where they work and how they travel, and use these findings alongside community input to design a new intrastate bus network for the Newark region. In response, Tri-State Transportation Campaign released the following statement:*

“New Jersey bus riders have been suffering for years with outdated bus routes that do not match today’s commuter or frequent rider needs, unreliable service, and a disjointed network that is not fully integrated with other modes of transit. TSTC highlighted these issues, among others, in our 2019 report, [A New Ride For New Jersey: Building a Better Bus System](#).

“NJ Transit’s announcement is a big step toward modernizing the state’s public transit system. For the more than 165,000 (pre-COVID-19) daily riders on the 38 bus routes in Newark, the network redesign signifies that NJ Transit is committed to improving service and building a 21st-century transit system.

“We commend NJ Transit on making this progress, especially as the region recovers from the COVID- 19 pandemic, and we look forward to working together so that this network redesign and future redesigns can appropriately serve the needs of New Jersey commuters.”

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*Tri-State Transportation Campaign is a 27-year old advocacy organization that fights for an equitable, safe, multi-modal transportation network that provides options and supports the economies of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. TSTC works to fix our commutes, meet our climate goals, stop traffic deaths, and make transportation fair.*