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Hudson County Board of Commissioners approved a Resolution Calling on New Jersey Transit to Reconsider Proposed Fare Increase.

Jersey City-The Hudson County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution calling on New Jersey Transit to reconsider proposed fare increase.

Mass transit is vital to the residents of Hudson County in that it takes thousands of us to work, school and other important destinations.

Mass transit is also vital because it reduces pollution and traffic congestion and saves energy.

New Jersey Transit Corporation recently proposed a fare increase of 15% on New Jersey Transit's mass transit system of buses, trains, and light rail to address a projected shortfall of \$119 million in its 2025 operating budget.

Any increase in bus, train or light rail fares presents a hardship to many residents of Hudson County who cannot afford fare hike increases, particularly those with fixed income who depend on public transportation such as senior citizens, those receiving governmental assistance, the disabled and the working poor.

The residents of Hudson County and their elected officials deserve to see all financial analyses and documents related to the projected budget shortfall.

New Jersey Transit Corporation has not presented any options to address their asserted budget shortfall that excludes a fare increase.

Board Chairman Anthony Romano, the Board of Commissioners and the County of Hudson strongly opposes the proposed New Jersey Transit Corporation fare hike. The Board of Commissioners call upon Governor Phil Murphy, the New Jersey State Legislature, and the New Jersey Transit Corporation to explore alternative solutions to address the budgetary shortfalls so that it does not place an undue burden on the riders.

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