

To:

Governor Philip Murphy
Francis O'Connor, Chair, NJ Turnpike Authority
Kris Kolluri, NJ Transit President and CEO

CC: Customer Advocate, NJ Transit (FBeaumin@njtransit.com)

Re: Disclosure of Data and Information Regarding Congestion Pricing

Gentlemen,

We the undersigned New Jersey organizations ask you, in the spirit of transparency and partnership, to publicly release complete and timely vehicular, ridership, and revenue information. This is essential for short and long term transportation planning, understanding how traffic patterns and transit ridership are changing, and determining the impact of Congestion Pricing on New Jersey transit riders and drivers.

NJTA and NJ Transit track important data regarding changes in 1) commuting times for drivers and transit passengers; 2) the number of people using public transit across all New Jersey transit systems; 3) NJ Transit revenue; 4) traffic on the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension and 5) NJ Turnpike and Garden State Parkway tolling revenue. Specifically, we request the following data for 2023, 2024 and for 2025 to date and going forward

- Daily and weekly ridership data across all NJ Transit trains, buses, and paratransit. This should be disaggregated by line, and include crossings into the Manhattan Central Business District. Ideally, this data should be further broken out hourly so that analysis can be done by time of day, i.e. and showing peak vs off-peak trips.
- Service performance data, such as on-time performance for trains and buses, and customer journey and travel times.
- Daily and weekly vehicle use on the NB-CHE, the mainline of the Turnpike and the GSP broken down by type of vehicle and by exit. This data should be further broken out hourly so that analysis can be done by time of day, i.e. showing peak vs off-peak trips.
- Daily and weekly revenue data for the NB-CHE, the mainline of the Turnpike and the GSP broken down by toll plaza and exits.
- All tracked vehicular-caused air pollution statewide, broken out by County

We request that this information be released in an open data format, including visualized on data dashboards and available in a downloadable tabular format. It will also help bring NJ Transit into alignment with several other sister agencies, such as [MTA in New York](#), [CTA in Chicago](#), [BART in San Francisco](#), and [LA Metro](#), who regularly publish such information.

Release of timely, complete, and open vehicular and ridership data is essential to increase transparency, to build trust with transportation advocates and for agencies and elected officials to make informed decisions about transportation policy funding and projects.

The COVID-19 crisis began a transitional time for both transit and road users in the NYC metro area, and that transition is continuing with the implementation of Congestion Pricing. Commuter patterns are changing, and understanding these changes will be key to future planning for your agencies to ensure the most efficient use of our transportation dollars and the best possible experience for all transit and road users.

We look forward to working with you on this and future priorities that affect the residents of both of our states. Thank you for your consideration of this critical request.

Signed,