



December 13, 2013

Mr. Bill Ragozine
Executive Director
Cross County Connection
4A Eves Dr., Suite 114
Marlton, NJ 08053

SUBJECT: Pulaski Skyway Rehabilitation Project

Dear Mr. Ragozine:

We have great news! NJ TRANSIT and the New Jersey Department of Transportation are working together to help mitigate potential traffic congestion impacts of the planned rehabilitation of the Pulaski Skyway. Starting January 1st, 2014, and extending for the duration of the Pulaski Skyway Rehabilitation Project, vanpools originating in or destined for certain areas of Hoboken and Jersey City will be eligible for an additional subsidy under NJ TRANSIT's Vanpool Sponsorship Program. The additional subsidy will apply to vanpools with origin and destination zip codes of 07030 in Hoboken and 07037, 07306, 07310, 07302, 07304 and 07305 in Jersey City.

The total subsidy for vanpools accepted into this program will be \$325. Vanpools which have formed before the start of the project will be eligible for the subsidy for the duration of the project, along with any new vanpools that form while the project is in existence. A vanpool will be ineligible if it competes directly with available transit service, as follows: Vanpools that have destinations within ½ mile of PATH stations and begin in locations with direct rail or bus services.

Eligible vanpools currently receiving \$175 per month subsidy will receive \$325 while the program is in effect. Vanpools that are eligible for this program that also use the NJ Turnpike HOV lane will receive a maximum total subsidy of \$325 per month.

The program will take effect January 1, 2014, will continue throughout the construction period. It is anticipated that the \$325 subsidy will end in June 2016. Vanpools will be given 45 days' notice prior to the end of the \$325 subsidy. When the program ends, vanpools will be given the option to continue in NJ TRANSIT's regular VSP program, at a subsidy of \$175 per month, or \$325 if they use the NJ Turnpike HOV lane.

NJ TRANSIT will collect the same data for vanpools in this program as the vanpool subsidy program. The administration of the program will not change for these vanpools. **Please use the attached Vanpool Application Form for eligible vanpools (vanpools with the origin or destination in Hoboken or Jersey City).**

Please help us get the word out and form new vanpools in this corridor while this helpful program is in place! If you have additional questions call me at 973-491-8569.

Sincerely,

Fred Storey

Fred Storey
Community Transportation Administrator

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P.S. Pulaski Skyway construction is scheduled to begin in March, so now is the time to change commuter's habits for the better and form new vanpools.

VANPOOL APPLICATION

1. TMA applied to: _____
 2. Vanpool provider: _____
 Name of _____
 4. Driver/Coordinator: _____
 3. ID Number: _____
 4. Daytime phone: (____) _____

5. Email address of Driver/Coordinator: _____

6. Is this application _____ new? _____ a renewal? _____ new Driver/Coordinator?

7. Origin of vanpool: _____
 (where Driver boards vehicle) (Include municipality, county or borough, state and zip code)
 8. Time: _____ AM/PM
 Van Start

9. Intermediate stops: _____
 (List each stop individually, in order, with its municipality, county and state)

 (Use additional sheet if there are more intermediate stops to list)

10. N.J. final destination: _____ 11. Time: _____ AM/PM
 (Include employer name, municipality, county or borough, and zip code) (at final destination)

12. Please list highway numbers/names travelled: _____

13. Circle the days of the week the vanpool generally operates: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

14. Total daily mileage vanpool travels: Workbound: _____ miles Homebound: _____ miles
 (must match mileage reported on Vehicle Trip Sheet)

15. Does this vanpool qualify for the Vanpool Sponsorship Program upgrade (\$325/month)? _____ No

_____ **Yes, we normally travel on the Pulaski Skyway**
 (the origin of vanpool zip code must be included above)

_____ **Yes, we travel on the NJ Turnpike's HOV lane**
 (only valid for travel from Exit 11 to 14 between 6 AM and 9 AM
 OR from Exit 14 to 11 between 4 PM and 7 PM)

Workbound from Exit _____ to Exit _____ Homebound from Exit _____ to Exit _____

16. Number of vanpool participants: Full-time _____

Part-time, substitute or occasional _____
 (attach completed Individual Application form for each full-time, part-time, substitute or occasional participant)

17. Van departure time (at end of work day) _____ AM/PM

My signature below indicates that the information contained in this Vanpool Application Form is valid and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

 Signature of Driver/Coordinator Date

(This section for NJ TRANSIT use)

Area: _____ Notes: _____ Renewal Month: _____