



**NJDOT
NEWS**



For Immediate Release:
June 27, 2024

Contact: Jim Barry
Steve Schapiro
609-963-1975

Murphy Administration announces \$2 million in grants through new Mobility and Transportation Innovation Pilot Program Funds will help improve access to public transportation, enhance mobility, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions

(Trenton) – The Murphy Administration today announced \$2 million in grants through the new Mobility and Transportation Innovation Pilot Program (MATIP) to fund two innovative projects serving Mercer County communities.

Mercer County will receive a \$1.9 million grant to expand its GoTrenton! service and the municipality of Princeton will receive a \$105,000 grant to install signs that provide real-time travel updates throughout its free “Muni” transit system.

“The New Jersey Department of Transportation is committed to advancing Governor Murphy’s vision of providing a safe, equitable, and reliable transportation system for everyone,” NJDOT Acting Commissioner Fran O’Connor said. “This new program encourages the use of public transit and reduces New Jersey’s carbon footprint.”

MATIP is a \$2 million pilot program focused on Mercer County, with the goal of enhancing mobility, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing access to public transportation, particularly for underserved communities. The program encourages the utilization of innovative technologies and the incorporation of proven strategies from similar transportation projects in its effort to serve Mercer County communities.

Funding provided to Mercer County will expand the GOTrenton! Service, which uses electric vehicles to provide affordable transportation options in the community. The expansion will allow GOTrenton! to provide after-hours transportation to schools, after-school programs, special events, and health services. The expansion will also allow GOTrenton! to maintain lower wait times, provide no cost services, and operate 7 days per week.

Funding provided to Princeton will allow the municipality to install 10 digital displays across “Muni,” Princeton’s free municipal bus service, which serves the entire Princeton community. The displays will provide commuters with real-time updates on bus schedule changes and delays.

The grant is administered by the NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development. For more information about MATIP, email DOT-LocalAID.ResourceCenter@dot.nj.gov or call 609.649.9395. For NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/njdot).

###