



NJCU



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Parking & Transportation News



NJCU Moves: September 2020

Edition

Welcome to the September 2020 edition of NJCU Moves. In this newsletter we will share important updates regarding transportation and parking options for NJCU students, faculty and staff.



Shuttle Service

Resumes

First Transit Shuttle Services resumed on September 3 with protocols, precautions, and operational adjustments to insure passenger and driver safety.

Service times are aligned with class schedules, dining operations, work schedules, and limited density protocols in order to create an efficient operation and to reduce expenses. You can [find the shuttle schedule](#) and learn more on the [NJCU Parking and Transportation webpage](#).

Vehicle capacity will be reduced and multiple cleaning and safety protocols have been put in place to insure the safety of the passengers and operators. These protocols are in accordance with [New Jersey Executive Order No. 165](#), which was issued on July 13, 2020 by Governor Murphy. Additionally, First Transit, the private operator of the shuttle services, will comply with [NJCU's reopening guidelines](#).

The protocols, precautions, and operational adjustments that have been implemented in response to COVID-19, include:

- **Updated cleaning procedures:** First Transit operated vehicles are disinfected every 24 hours using the approved chemical disinfectant Signet neutral disinfectant DS1. The disinfectant is applied to all hard surfaces, handholds, arm rests, and seating areas.
- **Eating and drinking prohibited:** Eating and drinking is strictly prohibited aboard all transit vehicles.
- **PPE and face coverings:** First Transit staff are required to wear face coverings at all times while operating NJCU buses and while on campus. During the assisted loading of passengers with mobility devices, First Transit staff will use additional PPE, including face shields and gloves.
- **Barrier installation:** Barriers in the driver's compartment of the vehicle will ensure social distancing between the operator and the passengers.
- **Reduced vehicle capacity:**
 - NJCU shuttle capacity is reduced to 25% of the maximum seated volume. Capacity rates may be modified as safety protocols dictate.
 - Signs on vehicles are displayed when vehicles have reached maximum capacity.

Client Social

Distancing and

Rider

Responsibility

Policies

First Transit is adhering to NJCU policies as follows:

- **Passengers experiencing symptoms are prohibited:** No individual experiencing COVID-19 symptoms may board a campus transit vehicle. Individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 must have cleared necessary quarantine and testing protocols before boarding a campus transit vehicle.
- **Face coverings required:** All passengers must wear a face covering when riding in a vehicle. Individuals with medical requirements that limit the ability to wear face coverings should contact NJCU's Department of Public Safety for guidance.
- **Protect yourself and the driver:** Passengers should not cross into the driver barrier area of any vehicle, unless an emergency exit of the vehicle is required.
- **Boarding safely:** Passengers will continue to board through the front entry door as normal. Passengers with mobility devices will continue to board through the rear mobility device lift. All passenger boarding with mobility devices will be supported by First Transit staff.
- **Bus stops:** Individuals should maintain social distancing at bus stops.

Communication of

passenger policies

- **Signage:** Information is displayed in all vehicles and bus stops detailing transportation policies and safety protocols.
- **Enforcement:** First Transit will ensure all passengers are notified of NJCU passenger policies in a respectful and appropriate manner. The NJCU Department of Public Safety will enforce all policies and protocols.

Campus Shuttle

Schedule

The location of campus shuttles can be viewed in [real time via apps](#) for Apple and Android devices, mobile web, and SMS text messaging.

ALL Lots (*continuous loop serving: Parking Lots 4, 6, and 7*)

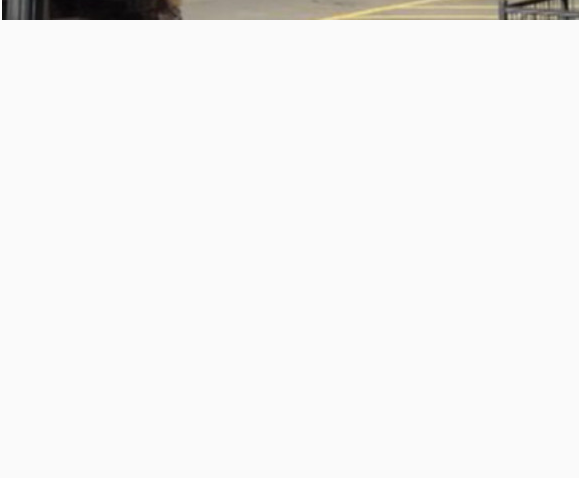
- Monday through Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday: 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Average Loop Trip Time: 10 minutes

Light Rail (*continuous loop serving: Light Rail, Lot 4, Visual Arts Building, and John J. Moore Athletic Center*)

- Monday through Friday: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Average Loop Trip Time: 10 minutes

Knight Rider (*continuous loop serving: Lot 4, the West Side Ave. Light Rail Station, Hudson Mall, ACME, Walgreens, and West Campus Village*)

- Monday through Friday: 8 p.m. to Midnight
- Average Loop Trip Time: 30-45 minutes (*subject to high volume traffic at times*)



2020-21 Key

Parking and

Transportation

Notes

In light of the many changes the COVID-19 virus has forced us to address as a community, we are instituting several parking and transportation alterations exclusively for the 20-21 Academic Year:

- The daily Gothic Card rate for parking in the GSUB/Lot 1 has been reduced to \$4.
- Only faculty, staff, and students have access to Gothic Card accounts. Visitors will continue to pay the daily cash rate of \$10.
- For instructions on how to use Gothic Card funds, [click here](#).
- Faculty and staff are encouraged to park in the GSUB/Lot 1 due to a reduction in shuttle services between West Campus and Main Campus.. Shuttle services will be focused predominantly on transporting students living in the West Campus Village. Lot 6 will remain open and free through the fall semester but is currently scheduled to come off-line for construction in January of 2021.

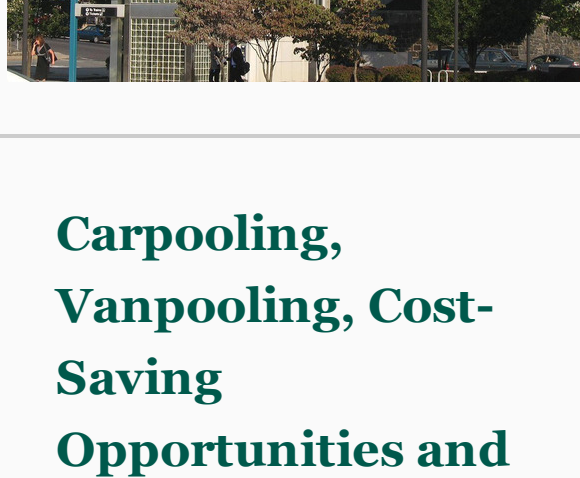
West Side Avenue

Light Rail Station

Offers Daily Public

Parking

The West Side Avenue Light Rail Station will offer public parking at \$2.30 per day. Monthly passes can be purchased for \$46. [Apply today](#).



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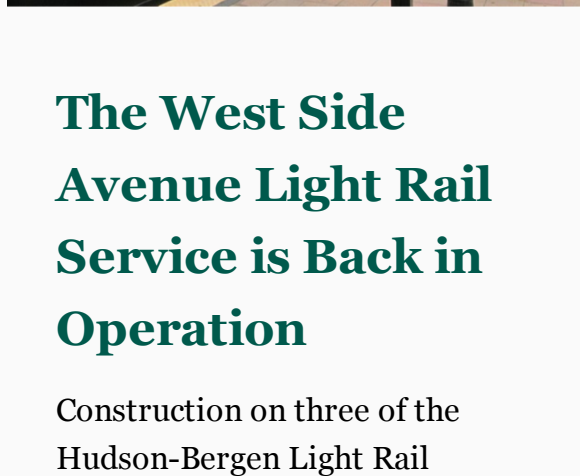
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Saving

Opportunities and

More

The Hudson County Transportation Management Association (TMA) manages an effective carpooling service. Additionally, the Hudson TMA offers information that can ease the burdens of commuting—and save you money! [Learn more](#) about the TMA programs.



The West Side

Avenue Light Rail

Service is Back in

Operation

Construction on three of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Stations in the Bergen-Lafayette and Greenville neighborhoods was completed late in the spring of 2020. The Light Rail provides a fast, convenient, and cost-effective means to travel to the NJCU School of Business, the PATH station as well as many other destinations in Hudson and Bergen County. [View the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail map](#).

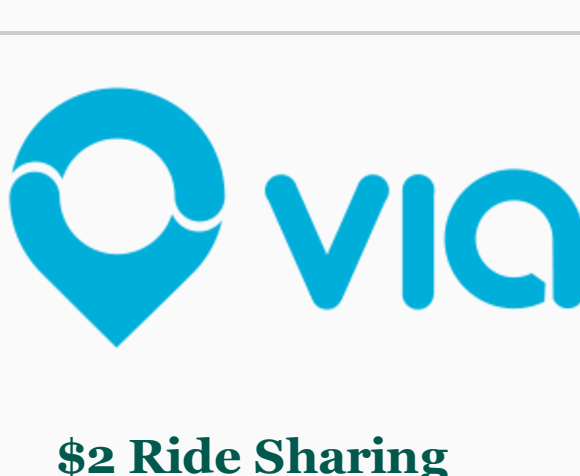
NJ Transit Offers

New Jersey

Students Mass

Transit Discounts

Full-time students at NJCU can save 25% on NJ TRANSIT Monthly Passes through the University Partnership Program. Getting the discount is simple. [Enroll through the NJCU website](#) for a monthly rail, bus, or light rail pass. Then, when you choose, conveniently purchase your pass using the NJ TRANSIT Mobile App.



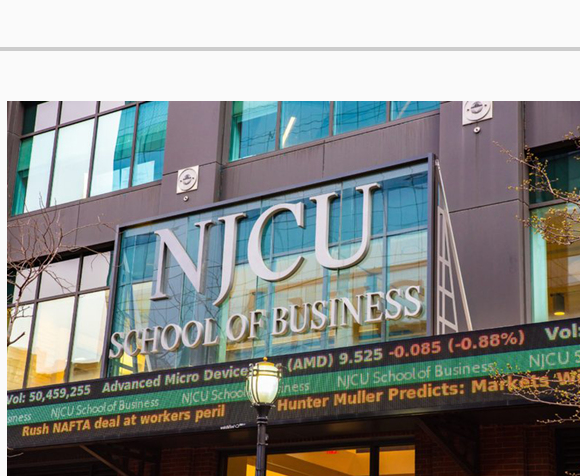
\$2 Ride Sharing

Service Comes to

Jersey City

Earlier this year, Jersey City operationalized a partnership with the ride sharing service, Via, to better serve areas of Jersey City that may not have convenient access to mass transit.

Via is a technology-based bus system that provides ride-sharing services at a \$2 flat rate within Jersey City. It also offers discounts for seniors and low-income residents at \$1 or less. Learn more about this service.



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Options for School

of Business

Students, Faculty,

and Staff

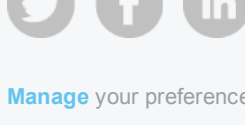
Downtown Jersey City is home to a dense population of corporate offices, high rise residential units, restaurants, retail and more. It also offers one-stop access (PATH and water taxi) to lower Manhattan, making it a popular and highly-trafficked area. Just like its neighbor across the river, parking is a scarce and costly resource. Private businesses own all of the parking garages and surface lots in the area. NJCU does not own any parking downtown. However, there are cost-effective commuting options for those traveling to the school of business.

- [The Hudson Bergen Light Rail Stations](#) at Liberty State Park offers public parking at \$3.45 per day. Monthly passes can be purchased for \$70.
- The ride sharing service, [Via](#), offers \$2 flat rates to destinations in Jersey City.
- The City of Jersey City offers [residents and non-residents parking permits](#).



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