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To: All subrecipients of Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) funding

Re: Notice of New NJ Legislative Requirement: Paratransit Stop Announcements

This notice is to inform your organization of recently enacted New Jersey legislation, [Assembly Bill No. 2132](#) (P.L.2026, c.49), which introduces mandatory stop announcement requirements for NJ TRANSIT Access Link and operators receiving SCDRTAP funding.

Operators of all demand response and deviated fixed route services are now required to announce or cause to be announced via an automated recording system, every scheduled stop along the vehicle's route.

The law takes effect on the first day of the second month following enactment September 1, 2026.

This requirement is applicable to:

- County transportation programs funded under the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP).
- Municipalities and other local governmental entities receiving pass-through SCDRTAP funding from a county agency.
- NJ TRANSIT Access Link services.
- Programs operated through or funded by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

As per your SCDRTAP Agreement **Section D: COMPLIANCE**:

"The SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, executive orders, circulars, and other federal requirements in carrying out any project supported by a state or federal grant or cooperative agreement, and all applicable state and local laws. The SUBRECIPIENT must also comply with any NJ TRANSIT memoranda, directives, policies and procedures, State Management Plan, Expenditure and Reimbursement Guidance, and Technical Assistance documents. The SUBRECIPIENT has a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The SUBRECIPIENT recognizes that laws, regulations, policies, and administrative practices may be modified from time to time, and those modifications may affect Project implementation. The SUBRECIPIENT agrees that the most recent State and Federal requirements will apply to the Project unless NJ TRANSIT issues a written determination otherwise."

To ensure compliance prior to the effective date, all subrecipients of SCDRTAP funding, including agencies receiving funds through county subcontracts, must develop a policy & procedure detailing the following:

- Updated standard operating procedures (SOPs) incorporating verbal or automated stop announcements into daily driver duties.
 - If utilizing an automated system, updated preventative maintenance policy detailing equipment inspection and maintenance.
- Updated driver training manual ensuring all drivers are aware of their legal obligation to announce every scheduled stop.

Note that if you are an agency subcontracting SCDRTAP funds, you are responsible for ensuring subcontractors are compliant with this new legislation.

Please forward copies of your updated documents to your Regional Program Administrator for review by no later than Monday, August 24, 2026.

Records of updated policies and driver training sessions should be maintained for auditing and reporting purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Local Programs and Community Mobility.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and your continued dedication to community transportation.

Sincerely,

Janelle Rivera

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