

## NJTIP @ RUTGERS

### *Expanding Mobility for People with Disabilities & Seniors*

*NJTIP @ Rutgers* is a program that teaches people how to use public transportation. The mission of the New Jersey Travel Independence Program (NJTIP) is to increase the independence and self-sufficiency of people with disabilities, older adults and others by empowering them to use the public transit system safely and independently. Since 2005, NJTIP has worked with a variety of government agencies, community organizations and schools to teach travel skills to more than 3,500 individuals.

### **Travel Instruction Services**

#### **One-on-One Travel Instruction**

Each individual is paired with a travel instructor and the instructor teaches travel skills by riding on the bus or train with that individual until they are ready to travel independently.

#### **Individual Concierge and Trip Planning Services**

An individual who may not need a travel instructor to go out with them on an individual basis but may need help with planning a trip can call NJTIP and receive assistance over the phone. Travel instructors can email or mail trip plans, schedules or other tools needed to make the desired trip.

#### **Small Group/In-School Travel Instruction**

Groups and schools interested in the program should contact NJTIP to schedule trips or classes. Groups participate in classes and escorted trips to popular local destination such as a mall, supermarket or museum.

#### **Connect to Transit Seminars**

NJTIP Travel Instructors teach professionals and volunteers from social service agencies, schools and senior residences how to become informed advocates for public transportation, so they can better assist their clients, students and residents with navigating the public transportation network.

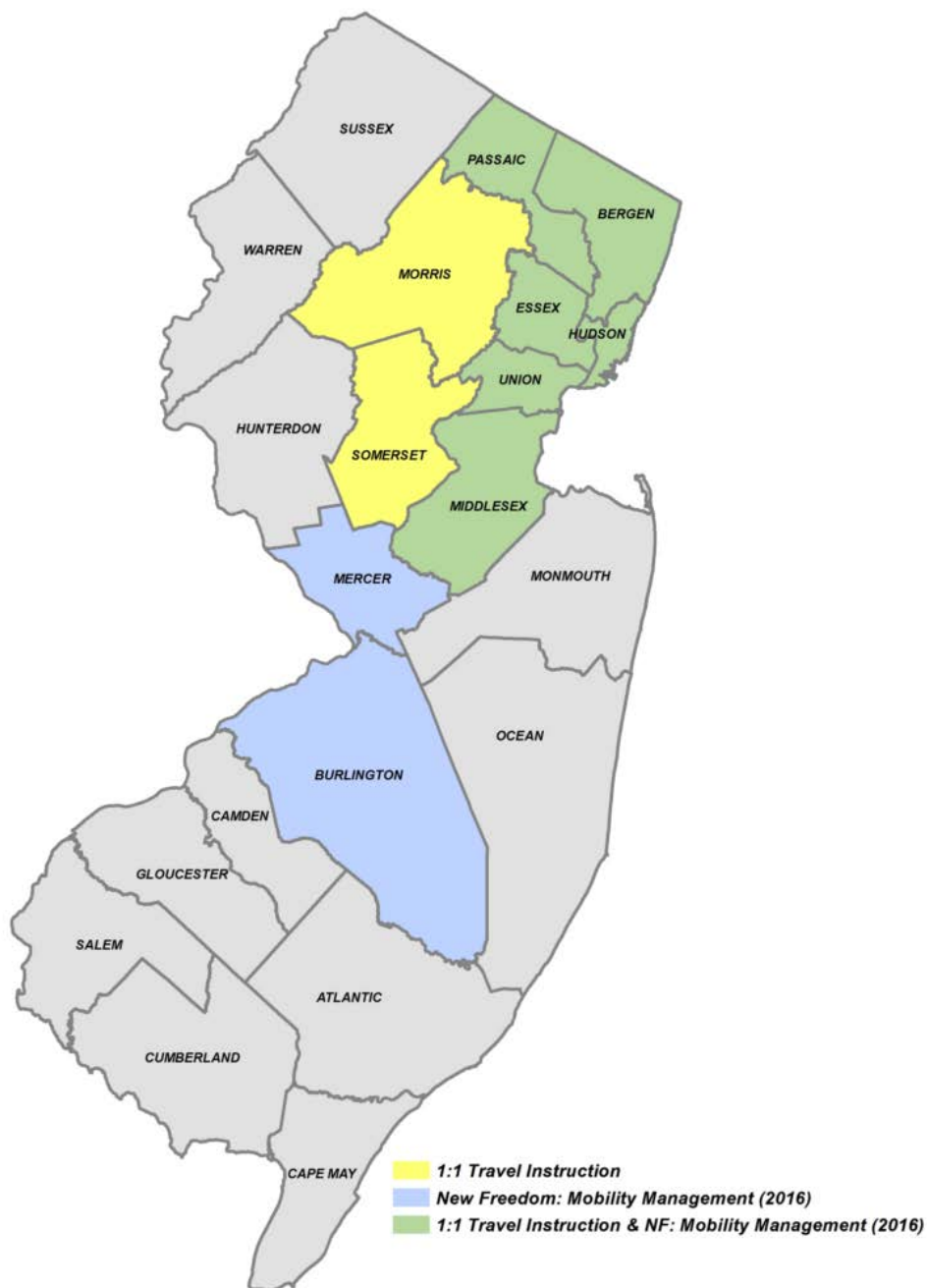
# Program Availability

## One-on-One Travel Instruction Program

One-on-One travel instruction is available to customers who have applied for Access Link and live in Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Morris & Somerset Counties except those with visual impairments. The only cost to customers during instruction is paying their own fares. Upon graduation each graduate receives a free one-month bus pass.

## New Freedom Mobility Management Program

NJTIP has received federal grants that allow support travel training services for individuals and agencies. In Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Mercer & Burlington Counties NJTIP can provide travel training that helps an individual or group access a life enriching destination focusing on employment, vocational training or volunteer work. Funding is limited but we will try to accommodate any group with an interest in learning more about public transportation.



Note: On a fee for service basis instruction can be made available in other areas as well.