



New Jersey Association of Railroad Passengers

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We Want Our **MOM**!!

NJ-ARP would like to see **MOM** (Monmouth-Ocean-Middlesex) connect to the Northeast Corridor (NEC) at Monmouth Junction. The reason we call it "Our **MOM**" is that it was an **NJ-ARP** member who, in 1985, first advanced the plan to utilize existing freight rail lines to offer passenger service in Monmouth, Ocean and Middlesex counties. **MOM** offers citizens an alternative transportation mode to the thousands of cars on Route 18, other local roads, busy Route 9 and the Garden State Parkway. New passenger rail starts such as the River Line and Hudson Bergen Light Rail have shown increased property values in their service areas.

New Jersey Transit and some politicians are attempting to advance a rail line connecting via Matawan to the North Jersey Coast line. This line would utilize a defunct rail right-of-way where millions of taxpayer dollars are currently being spent converting it into a rail/trail. Most important, this option misses New Brunswick, the county seat of Middlesex, entirely, and adds almost an hour's travel time for persons attempting to travel to Trenton, Camden and Philadelphia, making a rail option for those destinations virtually useless.

NJ-ARP is committed to serve all New Jersey citizens, including mothers with car-dependent children, dads who are tired of spending hours on gridlocked roads going to and from work, and senior citizens and others without cars. **MOM** will not just serve commuters. Destinations served include Philadelphia, Princeton, Trenton, New Brunswick, Newark, New York, all of NJ Transit's rail lines, and now, even the world via the Newark International Airport Station.

NJ-ARP is a not-for-profit advocacy group established in 1980 by concerned New Jersey residents who wanted a greater voice in deciding the transit future of our state. We seek to ensure a balanced, statewide transportation network not only for the mothers of New Jersey, but for all of its citizens.

MONMOUTH-OCEAN-MIDDLESEX RAIL LINE

MOM = Miles Of Mobility for Monmouth, Ocean and Middlesex

- MOM** will give you connections to every NJT rail and light rail line in New Jersey.
- MOM** will give you access to all major business centers in New Jersey.
- MOM** will give you access to all major government centers in New Jersey.
- MOM** will give you access to all major entertainment complexes in New Jersey.
- MOM** will give you access to both New York City and Philadelphia.
- MOM** will give you access to Amtrak trains to Washington, Boston and the nation.
- MOM** will give you access to the world via Newark/Liberty International Airport.
- MOM** will give you a safe, comfortable, worry-free ride with no traffic hassles.
- MOM** will give you Miles Of Mobility at a fraction of the cost of driving.
- MOM** will give you freedom from your car.

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