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Legislature's Special Committee on Transit to Discuss NJ Transit Fare Hike and Service Cut Proposals Public Is Encouraged to Attend

Thursday, May 14, 2015, 6:30 PM
Rockland County Legislature

New City, NY (May 11, 2015) – The Rockland County Legislature's Special Committee on Transit will meet on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss and vote on a resolution sponsored by Committee Chairwoman Harriet Cornell to oppose a proposal by New Jersey Transit (NJT) to increase fares on the Pascack Valley and Port Jervis rail lines and eliminate the late train on the Pascack Valley Line. The meeting will take place in the chambers of the Rockland County Legislature, 11 New Hempstead Rd., New City, NY.

NJT is proposing the following changes to fares and service affecting Rockland commuters on the Pascack Valley (Pearl River, Nanuet, Spring Valley) and Port Jervis (Suffern, Sloatsburg) rail lines:

- Fare increase (October 2015) on both lines for travel between Secaucus and Penn Station:
Pascack Valley - \$4 per month
Port Jervis - \$6 per month for Sloatsburg commuters, \$9 per month for Suffern commuters
- Service cut (September 2015):
12:45 am departure on Pascack Valley Line from Hoboken would be eliminated.
Latest departure would be at 10:42 pm. (Alternate route would be on the Port Jervis line - four trains leaving Hoboken between 11:15 pm and 1:32 am on weekdays and three trains between 11:33 pm and 1:32 am on weekends)

Legislator Cornell will submit written testimony to NJT and the Metropolitan Transit Authority by the posted deadline of May 21 and will include comments made by the public at the meeting on May 14th. The committee will stay in session until 7:45 pm to give commuters and others an opportunity to attend and speak. Those that are unable to attend the meeting may e-mail comments to cornellh@co.rockland.ny.us by the morning of May 21st. Comments may also be posted at www.njtransit.com no later than 11:59 pm on May 21st.

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