



TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD

RESOLUTION 89-24

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE MAPLEWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE'S OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FARE INCREASE

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2024, New Jersey Transit announced a proposed systemwide fare adjustment of 15 percent taking effect on July 1, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the fare adjustment proposal also includes annual systemwide increases of 3%, effective July 1, 2025 and going into effect on July 1st of each subsequent year; and,

WHEREAS, New Jersey Transit is not providing any additional services with the fare increases nor is it improving train service which has degraded over the past year; and

WHEREAS, Maplewood is served by the New Jersey Transit's Morris & Essex Rail Line and by the following New Jersey Transit Bus Routes: #25, #37, #70, #107 and #375; and

WHEREAS, the Maplewood Train Station is one of New Jersey Transit's busiest rail stations with pre-COVID average weekday boardings of nearly 3,500 passengers; and,

WHEREAS, Maplewood bus and train commuters will be negatively impacted by the proposed increase of New Jersey Transit fares.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that:

- I. Opposes the 15% proposed fare increase and asks the New Jersey Transit Board of Directors to rescind this proposal;
- II. Calls on New Jersey Transit to incorporate equity in its fare increase deliberations by limiting the fare increase of intra-city bus trips which impact more riders of modest incomes;
- III. Asks Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature to establish a dedicated tax to fund public transit, such as the restoration of the corporate business surcharge.

I, Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Township Clerk of the Township of Maplewood, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, at a regular meeting of said Committee held on February 6, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Maplewood in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, on this 6th day of February, 2024.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the
Governing Body of the Township of Maplewood at the duly held
Meeting February 6, 2024.

MOTION: De Luca **SECOND:** Cripe
YES: Adams, Cripe, De Luca, Engel, Dafis
NO: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None


ATTEST Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Township Clerk