



## News from the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders

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### Somerset County Launches New Transit Service

BRANCBURG – The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Somerset County Division of Transportation recently held a ceremony at Raritan Valley Community College to launch a new shuttle service known as **CAT-2R** (“Community Access Transit” Regional).

“Somerset County implemented CAT-2R to provide older adults, people with disabilities and the general public with reliable and affordable bus service,” said Freeholder Patrick Scaglione, transportation services liaison. “The route selected for the shuttle provides more transportation options for seniors by connecting Raritan, Somerville and Bridgewater by mass transit, and fills a gap in bus service to the College for students.”

“The College is grateful to the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders for providing this important new mass transit link to the College. The shuttle service opens up access to the College for students who rely on mass transit. It also can help meet the College’s commitment to *Live Green*,” said Raritan Valley Community College President Casey Crabill.

CAT-2R, which began running June 28, is administered and operated by Somerset County Transportation. The cost to ride the bus, which can hold up to eighteen passengers and two wheelchairs, is a flat fee of \$2 per one-way trip. In an effort to promote the new shuttle service, there will be no charge to ride CAT-2R during the month of July.

The route serves five municipalities, including Branchburg, Bridgewater, Raritan, Somerville and Bedminster. CAT-2R will make regular stops each day, including the Raritan Shopping Mall (Orlando Dr.), Somerville Train Station, Raritan Valley Community College, the Shop-Rite in Branchburg, the Bridgewater Commons Mall and Raritan Health & Extended Care. It also serves Somerville Senior Housing at 1 Mountain Avenue, Centerbridge I and II, Four Seasons and Pluckemin Park Court.

Schedules for Somerset County Transportation services can be found at:

<http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/scootdash.html> or [http://www.ridewise.org/downloads/Cat2R\\_6-2010.pdf](http://www.ridewise.org/downloads/Cat2R_6-2010.pdf).

Part of the funding for CAT-2R comes from casino tax revenues through a Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Program that is administered by New Jersey Transit.

For more information about county transportation services, contact RideWise at (908) 704-1011.

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Raritan Valley Community College recently hosted a kick-off celebration for a new Somerset County Transportation service, called CAT-2R. The route selected for the shuttle provides more transportation options for seniors by connecting Raritan, Somerville and Bridgewater, and fills a gap in bus service to Raritan Valley Community College for students who use mass transit. Somerset County Freeholder Patrick Scaglione, county Transportation liaison, cuts the ribbon to launch the CAT2R bus service. Joining him, from left to right, are Somerset County Business Partnership President Michael Kerwin, RideWise Executive Director Donna Allison, Bridgewater Mayor Patricia Flannery, Freeholder Peter S. Palmer, Raritan Mayor JoAnn Liptak, Bridgewater Council President Mathew Moench, Freeholder Patricia Walsh, RVCC President Dr. Casey Crabill, Senator Christopher Bateman, Bridgewater Councilman Howard Norgalis, Casino Tax Advisory Committee Chair Marion Rochford, Freeholder Director Jack Ciattarelli and his son, Mathew.



Raritan Valley Community College recently hosted a kick-off celebration for a new Somerset County Transportation service, called CAT-2R. Standing in front of the CAT2R bus, Freeholder Peter S. Palmer discusses county services with Freeholder Patrick Scaglione. To the left, Bridgewater Councilman Howard Norgalis confers with Senator Christopher Bateman.

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