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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Monroe Expands Medical Transport Fleet Using NJ Transit Grant**

In mid-September, Monroe welcomed two new medical transport buses to its Township fleet as the result of a successful grant application with the New Jersey Transit.

The pair of 2017 Ford 350 12-passenger vehicles are valued at upwards of \$30,000 each and are currently on the road serving Monroe residents who need transportation to medical appointments.

“Our Transportation Department provides our seniors and physically challenged residents with rides to and from in-town and out-of-town medical appointments at no cost, provided they book an appointment with our staff ahead of time,” said Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. “This service takes a lot of pressure off of the individual, caregivers and family members so that these residents can concentrate on being healthy.”

Throughout the month, these medical transport buses regularly travel to Monroe, Jamesburg, Princeton, Plainsboro and Hightstown, said Monroe Director of Transportation Amy Rutherford.

“These new buses are equipped with 11 ambulatory seats and one wheel-chair accessible area,” Rutherford added. “This enables us to service the residents who are in need of a specialty vehicle, an absolute necessity considering the portion of our riders who require these accommodations.”

Municipal officials credit Township employees with these most recent additions.

“This will help modernize our fleet,” said Monroe Council Vice President Elizabeth Schneider. “We really have to applaud our staff in the Transportation Department for their continued due diligence in seeking out grants. Ultimately, this helps us offset the cost to our taxpayers.”

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