

## **Eight New Jersey Transit PCC Trolley Cars Headed to the City of Bayonne**

*Vehicles to operate along 2.5 mile PCC Trolley loop, serving 299-acre mixed-use development with pedestrian connection to Hudson Bergen Light Rail*

*Bayonne, March 2, 2005 – On February 22, 2005, Joseph V. Doria, Mayor, City of Bayonne and George Warrington, Executive Director, New*



Jersey Transit (NJ TRANSIT) visited the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Line Communipaw Facility in Jersey City to inspect one of eight Presidents Conference Committee (PCC) Trolley Cars given to the City of Bayonne by NJ TRANSIT. These vehicles were put into service on NJ TRANSIT's Newark City Subway line in January 1954 and retired in August 2001.

The eight car fleet will be completely rehabilitated and placed into operation along a proposed 2.5 mile loop to serve the Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor, formerly Military Ocean Terminal.

The PCC Trolley line will be connected to the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Station of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Transit System (HBLRT) via a pedestrian walkway. The HBLRT is owned by NJ TRANSIT and is operated by Washington Group International under the first Design Build Operate Maintain contract executed in the United States.

The PCC trolley, developed between 1930 and 1935, became the workhorse of street railway systems. Between 1936, when the first PCC cars rolled into service, and the 1950's when production ended in North America, approximately 5,000 PCC cars were built. The PCC cars were developed by an engineering team contracted by the presidents of several of the nations street railway systems. The PCC is named after the Electric Railway Presidents Conference Committee that undertook its development.

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