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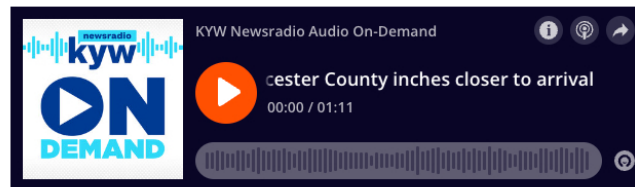


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CAMDEN, N.J. (KYW Newsradio) -- An environmental impact study has been completed for the Glassboro-Camden Line, a significant milestone for the project. Camden County Commissioner Jeff Nash has been working on this for years and says the ultimate goal is to get more people using mass transit.

"We all know Route 42 is the third-most congested highway in all of New Jersey, and that includes North Jersey. Our job is to take people out of their cars, put them on rails to reduce our carbon footprint," he said.



The next phase of the project is preliminary engineering, and the South Jersey Transportation Authority has committed \$200 million to that. Nash says they are considering different types of trains. One option is similar to the RiverLine that connects Camden to Trenton, and another is a new electric technology being used in Europe.

"All of those decisions will be reviewed and discussed during the preliminary engineering phase of this project," Nash said.

No matter what they decide, the plan now is to build upon the existing rail system used by Conrail through Glassboro, Mantua, Woodbury, and Brooklawn into Camden.

Nash says they hope to have it completed within five years.

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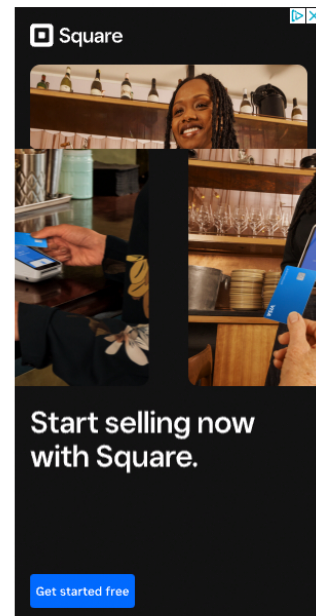
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