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COLTS Awarded \$2.5 Million Federal Grant for Hybrid Buses

Scranton, Pa. – The County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS) has been awarded \$2.5 million in federal funding to purchase four new hybrid buses through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Clean Fuels Bus and Bus Facilities Program. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski (PA-11), and Lackawanna County Commissioners Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak worked to help secure this funding.

"We are thrilled to receive this grant. COLTS is in the process of replacing our diesel fleet with cleaner, more energy-efficient hybrid vehicles and this funding is a big help," Executive Director Bob Fiume said. "I would like to thank Senator Casey, Congressman Kanjorski, and Commissioners Washo, O'Brien and Munchak for their support in helping us obtain this grant."

"I'm pleased to see federal funding going to COLTS for more new hybrid buses," said Sen. Casey. "These new buses will provide more effective and energy-efficient transportation in Lackawanna County."

"I am incredibly pleased to have helped COLTS secure this funding for four new buses that will not only help improve transportation for residents throughout Lackawanna County, but will also help keep our air clean to help ensure that residents in Lackawanna County are not subject to harmful fumes," said Congressman Kanjorski. "COLTS has worked diligently to reduce the impact that its buses have on air quality and I applaud them for continuing to move forward on this initiative. It is a success for all the people in the area."

"We are delighted that COLTS has received federal funding to purchase additional hybrid buses," Commissioners Washo, O'Brien and Munchak said. "The initiative to replace the current diesel fleet is in line with the county's green agenda. As a county, we are striving to be good stewards of our environment, and we are thrilled that our transit agency is doing the same."

The four buses purchased with this latest grant will increase COLTS' hybrid fleet to eight. COLTS is already in the process of acquiring four hybrid buses through funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. These buses, which are expected to be up to 40 percent more fuel-efficient than conventional diesel buses, will arrive in March 2011.