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### **THIS MORNING**

#### **COLTS cites cold for ridership dip**

SCRANTON — About 14,000 fewer passengers rode County of Lackawanna Transit System buses in November than October, Executive Director Robert Fiume told the agency's board Wednesday.

The decrease — from 148,885 to 134,889 — can be attributed to the onset of cold weather and one less service day last month, Mr. Fiume said. Despite the ridership drop, revenue increased from \$68,850 to \$71,760.

The board approved a revision to COLTS' employment application that asks whether the applicant has ever been denied a job based on a positive drug or alcohol test. Mr. Fiume said the question is being required by the Federal Transit Administration.

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