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COLTS to redesign Intermodal Center

Scranton, Pa. – The County of Lackawanna Transit System authority board voted Thursday to re-design the proposed Intermodal Center, allowing the possibility of a modern, energy-efficient building.

“Today’s decision by the board allows COLTS to move forward with a fresh start. We are anxious to get this exciting economic development project underway and to prove COLTS’ commitment to providing a cost-effective, modern, and environmentally friendly project to the taxpayers,” said Executive Director Bob Fiume.

The Intermodal Center will provide a climate-controlled bus hub for COLTS passengers, who will be able to purchase tickets, make transfers, and have real-time arrival information available to them. It will be a true multimodal facility — not only for public transit, but also for taxi cabs, Martz Trailways, bicyclists, and eventual passenger rail service.

COLTS intends to pursue LEED certification, a system of third party benchmark sustainability ratings, for the Intermodal Center. This could mean that COLTS would be eligible for “green” funding.

The proposed Intermodal Center would be located in the 100 block of Lackawanna Avenue next to the General Services Administration Building.

The current COLTS administration and board intend to work with the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Rail Authority as the Intermodal project moves forward.