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Route Analysis Public Meetings To Be Held On Thursday April 14

Scranton, Pa. – The County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS) will hold two public meetings on Thursday, April 14, 2011. The meetings will be held at The Mall at Steamtown, on the first floor between Gymboree and Journeys. The first meeting will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second meeting from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The recommendations are explained below and are available on the COLTS Web site, www.coltsbus.com:

- 1) Extend the hours of the Evening City Circle North route.
- 2) Extend weekday evening service hours on select routes (Old Forge, Drinker, High Works, Valley View/Hilltop, and some mall service).
- 3) Extend Saturday morning service hours on select routes.
- 4) Eliminate current routes to Monroe County via Mount Airy and Daleville/North Pocono due to low ridership.
- 5) Eliminate service to McDade Park due to low ridership; extend select trips on recently-established South Main route to service Stauffer Industrial Park. Add Saturday service to South Main route to Taylor Wal-Mart and Price Chopper only.
- 6) Expand Route 6 Shuttle service to include Best Buy/Staples/Gander Mountain plaza, and adjust times to improve connections with mall service.
- 7) Re-structure mall service (including Viewmont/Bangor, Viewmont Mall Express/Dalton/ Waverly, and Shopper's Special) to eliminate duplication and provide improved connections with Route 6 Shuttle.
- 8) Extend current Keyser Valley route to Keyser Oak Shopping Center to link up with High Works route.
- 9) Review connections with LCTA on Old Forge, Pittston and Mohegan Sun routes to improve service to Luzerne County.
- 10) Establish uniform route numbering and naming conventions.
- 11) Improve service between Wegman's and Gerrity's at Keyser Oak Shopping Center and the area's senior living centers.

For more information please call 346-2061. The 30-day public comment period begins April 11, 2011 and ends May 11, 2011. Comments will be accepted from the public at the two meetings, and then ONLY in writing. Comments may be mailed to COLTS Route Analysis, 800 North South Road, Scranton, PA 18504, or e-mailed to: info@coltsbus.com. The public is encouraged to include contact information with their written comments.