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COLTS Returns to Regular Service with 11 Route Changes Effective Monday, Oct. 5

Scranton, Pa. – The County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS) will return to normal service with changes to 11 of its routes on Monday, Oct. 5, 2020. The changes will make these routes more efficient and provide more service for COLTS’ passengers. The routes affected are: #14 Drinker/Chestnut, #18 Petersburg, #21 Lake Scranton/Oakmont, #26 Mohegan Sun/Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center, #31 Old Forge/Stauffer, #36 Keyser Valley/Lafayette, #42 Olive/Providence, #43/45 Viewmont Bangor/Viewmont Express, #52 Carbondale/North Main Ave., #53 Marywood/U of S, and #54 Green Ridge/Dickson City.

“We took time during the pandemic to resize our bus system and reconfigure routes so that they best meet demand for service,” said Bob Fiume, COLTS Executive Director. “We are constantly looking to improve our system for our riders.”

Changes include service to the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center, the renaming of some routes due to rerouting, combination of some routes on one paper schedule, and minor changes to routes and timetables. The #48 Dalton/Waverly/Clarks Summit and the #99 Minooka/Montage will be cancelled due to low ridership. The #48 route will be served through Demand Response Service, and employees of EDM Americas who take the #99 route will be served on the #42 Olive/Providence.

The list of changes is attached to the email with this press release, and the new schedules will be posted on coltsbus.com.

Some bay assignments, or the bays that the buses pull into and out of, will also change. The bay assignment changes will be posted on the COLTS web site at coltsbus.com.

The following routes will have changes beginning Monday, Oct. 5:

#14/13 Drinker / Chestnut & Drinker/Marywood Saturday: no service to Dunmore Community Center; COLTS' Shared Ride van service will service the DCC

#18 Petersburg: rerouted; bus will use Wheeler Ave. to Ash St. to Prescott Ave. inbound; no more service on Richter Ave.

#21 Lake Scranton / Oakmont: name change; rerouted with timetable changes; adds timepoints; no service to Seymour Ave. or East Mountain Road; bus goes up Crown Ave. from Moosic, River St. to Meadow, Meadow to Moosic to 307; cuts five inbound and five outbound weekday trips; new time points at Jefferson Ave. and Lackawanna Ave., Moosic St. and Crown Ave., Crown Ave. and River St., and Meadow Ave. and Moosic St.

#26 Mohegan Sun / Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center: three trips daily Monday through Saturday; adds Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center on all trips

#31 Old Forge / Stauffer: adds trips to Price Chopper/Walmart Express at weekdays on weekdays to go only to Price Chopper and then Walmart in Taylor and back to the Transit Center (outbound trips are: 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m.; these buses get back to LTC at :55 past the hour; inbound trips from end of line at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. are cancelled (buses only go to Price Chopper and Walmart); on Old Forge "normal" trips, inbound arrival at the LTC is now :15 past hour or :45 past -- not :10 or :40 past

#36 Keyser Valley / Lafayette: two routes combined; first inbound Lafayette leaves COLTS at 6:25 a.m. and first inbound Keyser Valley leaves COLTS at 6:15 a.m.; if bus goes outbound as a Keyser Valley, it travels inbound as a Lafayette; if a bus goes outbound as a Lafayette, it is inbound as a Keyser Valley; both go to Keyser Oak Gerrity's

#42 Olive/Providence: will service EDM Americas on the 6:30 a.m. outbound trip from the LTC, arriving at EDM at 6:45 a.m. and will service EDM on the 3 p.m. outbound trip from the LTC, picking up at EDM at 3:30 p.m.

#43/45 Viewmont/Bangor & Viewmont Express: combine onto one schedule; if a bus goes out as an Express, it comes back as Bangor and vice versa; weekdays, the weekday LTC arrival time for #45 Express changes to :00, not :05 after

#52 Carbondale / North Main Ave.: new name; combines the former Oram route with Carbondale; this services North Main Ave. all the way from Scranton to Carbondale; eliminates Dorothy St.; bus goes into Geisinger at Mount Pleasant Monday through Friday; has new timepoints; travels from Linden to Wyoming inbound to LTC

#53/13 Marywood / U of S & Drinker/Marywood Sat.: eliminates six weekday trips; cuts 11:40 a.m., 1:40 p.m., and 3:40 p.m. outbound and 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. inbound

#54 Green Ridge / Dickson City: rerouted with timetable changes; puts bus back on Wyoming instead of Franklin on both inbound and outbound; bus will make a right onto Sanderson from Green Ridge St. then go to Boulevard Ave.

The following routes will be cut due to low ridership:

#48 Dalton / Waverly / Clarks Summit and #99 Minooka/Montage