

# COLTS land option extended five years

## New state law gives transportation system more time for planned hub

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HARRISBURG — A new

state law allows for more time to complete a prospective property transfer to facilitate a new transportation

hub on Lackawanna Avenue in Scranton.

A provision authorizing the transfer between the commonwealth and the County of Lackawanna Transportation System at

any time up to May 16, 2016, was signed Thursday by Gov. Tom Corbett.

The transfer is tied to efforts to revive long-standing plans to build the Scranton Intermodal

Transportation Center, a project concentrating rail, bus and taxi service at one location.

Sen. John Blake, D-22, Archbald, included the provision in a measure dealing with land transfers across the state.

Plans call for the transportation hub to be located on a state-owned parcel

next to the State Office Building, where state employees now park.

The property transfer involves the Department of General Services granting COLTS the parcel, according to a document from Mr. Blake's office.

In a separate transaction, COLTS would then purchase the nearby property where Martz Bus

Terminal is located from the bus company. State employees would park there and Martz Bus would rent space from COLTS at the transportation center.

This new law updates provisions under a 2008 state law that expired last month.

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