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## **COLTS Implemented New Shared Ride Schedule Software**

Scranton, Pa. – The County of Lackawanna Transit System began utilizing the software scheduling program Ecolane yesterday, rendering the Shared Ride division paperless.

PennDOT purchased the rights to Ecolane through its statewide contract with the company for every transit agency that runs a shared ride program.

The system will make the COLTS Shared Ride program more efficient and customer-friendly. Currently, van drivers have paper manifests of clients to pick up through the day. The Ecolane system uses computer tablets in each van that will constantly be updated with van and client locations. Automated scheduling and precise routing will cut down on customers' overall travel time.

“This system is a game changer for Shared Ride programs,” said Bob Fiume, executive director of COLTS. “We expect that on-time pick up and delivery will be increased greatly through Ecolane.”