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### **COLTS Conducts Groundbreaking for New \$60 Million Headquarters**

Federal, state and local leaders joined County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS) officials today for the groundbreaking of COLTS' new \$60 million headquarter facility on North South Road.

The 115,000 square foot structure will add modernization and energy-efficient improvements that will increase administrative and operations space by 22,000 square feet; provide 24,000 square feet of maintenance space, including vehicle wash stations; and include 66,000 square feet of vehicle storage for buses and vans.

“We are thrilled to be here today with our governmental partners, COLTS Board of Directors, our employees and stakeholders to signal the commencement of this important and significant community project. This structure will expand COLTS' ability to continue providing critical, life sustaining services to all residents of Lackawanna County, and help properly protect and maintain our employees and assets in a much more modern, secure and energy-efficient setting,” noted Tim McGrath, COLTS executive director.

“The new building will be completely CNG compliant with design flexibility to accommodate battery electric type buses in the future. It will also enhance our team members' abilities to continue serving the people of Lackawanna County as they have for over 50 years.” COLTS recently observed its 50-year anniversary.

McGrath thanked PennDOT, the Federal Transit Authority and Lackawanna County for providing resources to make the project possible. “A project like this can only come to fruition with great governmental support and COLTS is grateful for this collaboration with all of its governmental partners and for their investment in our community,” he added.

The new structure will be built from insulated precast panels that provide an airtight and high performing thermal envelope with distinctive roof lines that bring in natural light to occupied spaces in order to offset the need for artificial lighting.

Among many other amenities, staff will have access to outdoor recreation spaces on each level (including a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor covered patio). In-floor radiant heat will be incorporated for large spaces that will optimize occupant satisfaction and create a more soothing workplace environment, according to Adam Ferrari, AIA, principal of Stantec, project architect.



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Completion timeframe is anticipated in the fall of 2025.