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Press Release

Town of Warwick opens its new Transit Center.

The Warwick Transit Center opens its doors providing a home for its growing transportation system designed to move our residents around Orange County.

Warwick, NY 8/7/2017: When former Congresswoman Sue Kelly obtained a Federal grant for the Town of Warwick to build a new home for its growing bus system little did she know that it would take until now to secure additional funding and years of maneuvering through the Federal process to get to this day. No one counted on the commitment of Supervisor Michael Sweeton and the Warwick Town Board to providing essential transportation services to Warwick residents, especially our Senior citizens. Perseverance, hard work, buy in from Orange County officials and lots of luck have provided a facility that will anchor not only the Warwick system but also provide the building blocks for the future of transportation in Orange County.

On hand to cut the ribbon on this \$2.7 million dollar project was County Executive Steve Neuhaus, Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, County Legislator Barry Cheney, Jason Pitingaro of the design team at KC Engineering, CEO Alan Zuckerman of Verticon Construction, Doug McNevin of HAKS who spearheaded the construction management, Dean Diorio of the Hudson Valley Building & Construction Trades, Warwick DPW Commissioner Jeff Feagles, Wallkill DPW Commissioner Lou Ingrassia, Michael Johndrow & Mechelle Casciotta of the Warwick Chamber of Commerce, Transportation Manager Jennifer Crover as well as Village of Warwick Mayor Michael Newhard.

“This facility, 90 % funded by Federal Transportation Capital funds, was designed and constructed by Orange County firms using Orange County trades labor under a project labor agreement which saved over \$250,000 on construction while ensuring that money

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spent was returned to our County. This is the way projects should be done and I congratulate the Town of Warwick”, said County Executive Neuhaus.

Town Supervisor Michael Sweeton commented” This building will allow us to continue to provide a means for the hundreds of riders that depend on us to reach essential services like medical providers, food stores and other shopping needs. I thank the County and the Town Board for their support but most of all I thank the staff, drivers and dispatchers of the Warwick Transit System”.

The Town of Warwick has one of the most robust Dial A Bus programs in the County. This Transit Center will give us more abilities to improve and expand our own transit service as well as assist neighboring communities with their needs. It will also enable us to store our buses inside, and improve the lifespan of the buses. We currently have 10 drivers that are dedicated to providing safe and reliable service to the residents of this Town. The current system operates anywhere from 4-6 runs a day, and we operate 7 days a week. We offer local service throughout the entire Town of Warwick, including all its Villages and we offer a fixed run service in the Village of Warwick 7 days a week. This service gives many riders the ability to get around all the popular businesses in the Villages, go shopping, get to doctors’ appointments and St. Anthony’s Hospital. We also have Dial A Bus service to Goshen, especially Hatfield Lane, to Middletown including the Galleria, Orange Plaza, Crystal Run and we connect to the Walkkill service to go to other areas in Middletown. That bus operates Tuesday-Saturday. We also have service to Monroe/ Harriman every Friday. Our service is open to anyone, and the fare is \$2.00 per ride/ per person. Seniors 60+ or disabled only pay \$1.00 per ride. For more information call (845) 986-2877.

Jennifer Crover, Warwick Transit manager said “I am honored to be a part of this great Town and a Supervisor to a great team of drivers and dispatchers. I want to thank the Town Board of Warwick for their dedication to this program and to all the agencies that were involved with the construction of the Warwick Transit Center. This will be the beginning of great things to come for the Town of Warwick.”