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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority to Host Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Erie, PA- The Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority will be holding a ribbon cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 3 PM in celebration of the EMTA Joint Operations Facility.

Speakers at the ceremony include EMTA Board Chair, Ashley Lawson, EMTA CEO, Jeremy Peterson, Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Jennie Louwerse, Erie County Executive, Brenton Davis and Erie City Mayor, Joe Schember.

"The EMTA is proud to unveil the completed Joint Operations Facility. This state-of-theart transit center is ready to service the Erie region for years to come and create vibrancy within the mid-city district of Erie City," said EMTA CEO, Jeremy Peterson.

The multi-year, 72 million dollar project funded by local, state and federal governments also provides 18,000 square feet of commercial retail space located under a 300 space parking facility that will enhance the Midtown neighborhood and provide an economic boost to Midtown Erie.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at the EMTA Joint Operations Facility located at 127 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The ceremony is a private event for invited attendees and members of the media. The EMTA and Erie Downtown Partnership will host a public event called 14<sup>th</sup> Fest from 5 to 10 PM with live entertainment, local vendors and fireworks display to continue the celebration.

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The EMTA provides over 3 million rides a year in Erie County. In operation since 1966, EMTA currently operates 28 fixed routes through Erie city and county. Reliable service is offered 6 days a week to as many as possible in Erie County, averaging more than 20 hours and over 5,500 miles each day.

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