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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EMTA to Offer New Bus Route 34 - Grocery Connector

Erie, PA- The Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority will begin offering an additional experimental route to service Erie's west side in the wake of the Tops Market closure on West 26th Street.

The new route 34, Grocery Connector, service will begin on Saturday, July 15th and start from Downtown Erie and loop from West 21st Street, Pittsburgh Aveune, Greengarden and Elmwood Avenue to the Tops Market on West 38th Street.

The EMTA is implementing this new route in effort to alleviate the food desert created in this area with last week's closure of the West 26st Street Tops Market.

Details on the new route, as well as, time points will be made available soon as EMTA officials work on finalizing the schedule. Please visit <u>www.ride-the-e.com</u> for more information.

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The EMTA serves as the public transportation provider for Erie County. In operation since 1966, EMTA currently operates 28 fixed routes and provides paratransit to assist with the transportation needs throughout Erie. Reliable service is offered 6 days a week, averaging more than 20 hours and over 5,500 miles each day.