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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

#### **EMTA Announces New Vehicles Added to Fleet**

**Erie, PA-** The Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority is unveiling 6 new Compressed Natural Gases (CNG) buses and 7 paratransit LIFT vehicles.

The EMTA has acquired these new vehicles with funds provided through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Federal Transportation Administration. The 6 CNG Gillig buses arrived in late 2023 and will be added to EMTA's fixed route operations later next month. The 7 paratransit LIFT vehicles will allow varying numbers of passengers to accommodate multiple mobility devices on shared ride trips.

"We are thrilled to announce these exciting new additions to our fleet," says Jeremy Peterson, EMTA CEO. "Making continued improvements to our operations allows us to provide the best possible service to the folks of Erie County and reduce our carbon footprint as CNG buses release less emissions"

The new fixed route buses are equipped with an ADA accessible ramp and mobility device securements, antimicrobial seats, USB charging ports and free WIFI capabilities for passengers.

Local officials and members of the press were invited to a brief presentation and unveiling of the new vehicles on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10AM to view the buses at a press event.

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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.

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