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New Buses for the Olean Area Transportation System

January 19, 2022—Olean—William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, is pleased to announce that three new buses have been added to the Olean Area Transportation System (OATS) fleet and will soon be in service.

The three Star Trans Buses are equipped with a Freightliner Chassis, Cummins Diesel Engine and Allison Transmission. The buses are over 36 feet in length and have an extended chassis to allow for additional seating of up to 35 passengers and three wheel chairs. The buses are air conditioned and are equipped with a Sportsworld Bike Rack.

The contract cost for the buses was \$457,691.70 and they were totally funded by the following agencies: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Capital Assistance in the amount \$355,908. Matching funds came from the NYSDOT Omnibus program in the amount of \$44,488.50 and the NYSDOT Accelerated Transit Capital Program added \$57, 295.20.

“Over the past year OATS has provided transportation services to approximately 48,000 passengers. It is a popular and important service in our community and I am pleased that Olean’s Community Development Department has partnered with numerous institutions and agencies in the area to make this a truly regional transportation service,” Mayor Aiello said. “The new buses are beautiful and are vital to continue OATS service at its current level with its operator, First Transit, on all of our regularly scheduled routes.”

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