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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

# Geauga Transit announces new Wheels to Work transit program to improve workforce mobility

The agency invites the community to a ribbon cutting to announce the \$1.78 million transit investment for Geauga County

Geauga County, OH – Geauga Transit is hosting a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the launch of a new Wheels to Work program to improve transportation access to jobs in Geauga County.

A recently created <u>ODOT Workforce Mobility program</u> grant will fund the program to help transport Amish and residents who are transit dependent to job opportunities at area manufacturers and businesses. Geauga Transit is creating two daily routes connecting Middlefield and Chardon and another route along SR-422 to link residents to jobs.

This \$1.78 million infrastructure investment will bring long term economic and environmental benefit to both Geauga Transit and Geauga County.

The funding will support the purchase of the agency's first three propane-fueled buses and operating and maintenance expenses for the new service. Geauga Transit purchased the propane-fueled Terra Transit buses from TESCO Bus, a bus supplier in Oregon, Ohio. The agency anticipates the buses will provide 35 percent fuel savings.

Geauga Transit welcomes the community to join them for their ribbon cutting.

#### **Ribbon Cutting Event Details:**

#### **Event Presenters:**

State Senator Sandra O'Brien State Representative Steve Demetriou Laketran CEO, Ben Capelle

#### **Event Information:**

**WHAT:** Geauga Transit Wheels to Work service launch ribbon cutting

**WHEN:** Friday, October 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Geauga Transit, 12555 Merritt Road Chardon, OH 44024



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WHY: To highlight the \$1.78 ODOT investment in Geauga Transit to improve workforce

mobility in the county that supports resident and local employers.

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