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## **DIANA ANNOUNCES ORANGE COUNTY, COACH USA / SHORTLINE PARK AND RIDE AGREEMENT**

**(Goshen, NY)** – County Executive Edward A. Diana announced that Orange County and Coach USA / Shortline have reached an agreement to allow commuters to park at the main, southern parking lot off Erie Street and Route 207 in Goshen, making the Goshen Government Building Park and Ride the first commuter stop into New York’s Port Authority Bus Terminal on Coach USA / Shortline.

All Central Valley, Monroe or Chester commuter tickets issued prior to November 15 will be accepted on Goshen buses that serve the new Park and Ride.

“Orange County is being proactive and looking to help temporarily relieve stress and over capacity issues at existing park and ride sites, specifically the congestion found in Chester, Monroe and Central Valley,” said County Executive Diana. “The County has also made adjustments to the parking arrangements to insure that parking takes place as far from existing residences in Goshen as possible.”

Capacity issues have been made worse with the post-storm interruption of commuter train service and the significant shift in ridership from train to bus services. Even with a return of train service, commuter ridership has been rising along with park and ride needs, requiring Orange County, Shortline, and New York State Department of Transportation to continue to search for additional commuter parking.

“We continue to look at various means to provide for commuters,” said Orange County Planning Commissioner David Church. “Shortline will be adjusting bus routes and schedules to accommodate this important new location.”

The Orange County Planning Department, through its Orange County Transportation Council function, will be coordinating between the County and Coach USA / Shortline.

This new agreement builds on a previous one allowing commuter buses to park at the site. Buses have been parking off Erie Street in Goshen since early November.

For schedules and more information, please visit [www.coachusa.com/shortline](http://www.coachusa.com/shortline) or [www.transitorange.info](http://www.transitorange.info).

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