

# NOTICE

## Centro Celebrates 50 Years of Providing Transportation Service to Central New York

Centro kicked off its 50th Anniversary celebration during an event at its Cortland Avenue facility in Syracuse where a celebratory gold bus was unveiled. The bus features Centro's anniversary logo and tagline – ***Connecting Our Community Since 1972***, along with a message thanking the community for five decades of support.

The celebration kicks off a series of events marking the transit agency's 50th anniversary. The remainder of 2022 will feature stories about Centro's impactful past, and some of the people who have contributed to the many ways Centro has made transit history.

"Centro has undergone numerous changes over the last 50 years, but one thing remains unchanged...the community's expectation that we provide them with safe, convenient, reliable transportation," said Centro's Chief Executive Officer, Brian Schultz. "I want to thank all of our employees, both past and present, who have played an integral part in the growth of this organization. To all of you who have driven buses and fixed buses, answered customer calls, responded to community needs, and made sure that Centro runs efficiently each and every day...thank you," added Schultz.

"Centro understands the important role it plays in the economic development of our community. It's a mission that we take very seriously," said Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Christopher Tuff. "We remain committed to providing this community with quality service for the next 50 years and beyond," added Tuff.

On May 12, 1970 the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA) was founded by New York State legislature to enhance and improve public transportation in the region. Onondaga County joined the CNYRTA and CNY Centro, Inc. was founded. On January 17, 1972 CNY Centro, Inc. assumed operations of the former Syracuse Transit operations. Centro's mission, which was to create a regional transportation system that would later operate throughout four counties, was granted the option of expanding to neighboring counties and communities as practical.

The public transportation systems in all our communities are like a needle and thread sewing important social and economic fabric together. We continue to make that thread and fabric stronger and stronger, so our communities continue to grow and prosper.

"It's been extraordinary to see Centro evolve from a bus operation into a regional mobility integrator that's working together with the community it serves to meet the needs of a population that continues to grow," said Centro's Chairman of the Board, Nick Laino. "Centro is part of a growing strategic conversation centered around the regional transportation needs of our community, and I'm extremely proud of the fine work being done by our employees," added Laino.

Centro will mark key milestones in the life of the transit agency throughout the remainder of the year on its social media accounts, featuring stories about the people who have helped move people throughout Central New York over the past 50 years.



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