

PRESS RELEASE

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CENTRO TO BEGIN SERVICE TO SYRACUSE HANCOCK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Syracuse, NY – Beginning Tuesday, September 5, 2023, Centro will begin a trial service, featuring 13 daily round trips each weekday to Syracuse Hancock International Airport from its Syracuse Transit Hub. The service will be part of a redesigned SY84 Mattydale bus route which operates 5am – 7:30pm weekdays. The first trip will arrive at the airport at 5:32am and the last will leave the airport around 7pm.

“There has been tremendous growth at the airport in recent years and we believe there is an increased need, especially among airport employees for consistent public transportation to and from the airport,” said Centro Chief Executive Officer Brian Schultz. “Service to the airport has been the most common request we’ve received over the years. Most recently, Syracuse Regional Airport Authority leadership has reached out for solutions to meet their growing demand for their employees. We were able to respond by altering an existing bus route without adding additional resources to our system.”

“We’re incredibly excited travelers and airport employees will soon have a convenient and affordable means of transportation to our airport thanks to this new Centro bus service,” said Syracuse Regional Airport Authority Executive Director Jason Terreri. “As a major economic engine for Central New York and beyond, increased connectivity to the airport via public transportation is a key component to enhancing the prosperity of the region we serve.”

More than 2,500 people are currently employed at the Syracuse Airport. Buses will now operate exclusively along Route 11 between North Salina St. in Syracuse to Lawrence Road in North Syracuse, discontinuing deviations into neighborhoods where ridership has not recovered since the pandemic.

The new service to the airport will pick up and drop off passengers near the Arrivals A area, which is adjacent to the Terminal A baggage claim.

Limited service to Syracuse Hancock International Airport will also be available on Saturdays. Centro’s standard fares of \$1 for adults, \$.50 for seniors, children 6-9, and individuals with a disability, apply. The new schedule is available on Centro’s website at www.centro.org.

The trial service will be evaluated as a potential permanent service change in Spring of 2024.

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