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CATA Celebrates the Arrival of Two New Hybrid Buses and Two New Accessible Trolleys

The Cape Ann Transportation Authority (CATA) is excited to announce that CATA will be adding (2) 2023 35' Low Floor Hybrid Electric Buses and (2) 2023 35' Low Floor Trolley Transit Buses to its fleet early this Fall. These new Hybrid buses have retired (2) 2016 International Buses that have served CATA and their riders well.

CATA participated in the 2019 Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA) Heavy Duty Bus Procurement and utilized options assigned to it by Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) to acquire the vehicles.

The Hybrid Electric buses, manufactured by GILLIG based in California, will be used on regular weekday routes and for the Saturday Mall bus route.

The Trolley Transit Buses are replacing the 2001 and 2003 Chance Trolleys, which have also been retired. The Trolleys are a replica of the classic trolley with the quality and contemporary features of the standard transit bus. CATA provides seasonal accessible trolley/shuttle bus service from Memorial Day to Labor Day in Gloucester and Rockport to local beaches and summer recreational attractions for the whole family.

Shona Norman, Interim Administrator, stated "We are very excited to introduce the new buses to our riders and the community. CATA will continue to strive to provide environmentally friendly, reliable, and safe transit service to the public as we plan for future vehicle replacements".

The Cape Ann Transportation Authority (CATA), created in 1973 by Chapter 161B of the Massachusetts General Laws, provides public transportation services for the communities of Gloucester, Rockport, Ipswich, Essex, and Hamilton. CATA provides regular fixed route bus service, complementary ADA paratransit, senior dial-a-ride, and seasonal summer services with a fleet of 16 buses, 15 vans, and 2 trolleys. For more information, visit www.cantran.com