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County Executive Releases Statement on County Council Vote

Erie, PA – Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper has released the following statement:

“I am pleased by County Council’s vote this afternoon, which indicates to me that council members are willing to continue to pursue the worthy cause of a truly regional transit authority.

“In July, I vetoed County Council’s resolution to withdraw as a member of the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority because I did not believe that is the right path forward. The council members who voted against overriding that veto today are indicating that they, too, are willing to continue to seek compromise with Erie City Council and the Mayor’s Office in renewing the charter.

“I am committed to ensuring that all Erie County residents – those in the city of Erie as well as in the county’s 37 other municipalities – have access to a regional transit authority. This reflects a need identified by Erie County residents during our Destination Erie planning. A transit system that is controlled by just one municipality is not in the best interest of all Erie County residents.

“I, too, have been disheartened by the general intransigence that Erie County Council members and I have encountered from Erie City Council and the Mayor’s Office in making substantive progress on a new EMTA charter. But I remain hopeful that city and county officials can now work together to compromise on an EMTA charter before the Sept. 14 deadline.

“In that vein, I again extend an invitation to city officials, including Mayor Joe Sinnott, to meet with me and county officials. It is only in continuing to have a constructive dialogue that we can begin to meet the needs of the constituents that we have been elected to serve.”

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