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### **NEW BUS CENTER TO OPEN AT PALISADES CENTER**

WEST NYACK, NY - A new Bus Center has been established at the Palisades Center Mall near the southeast mall entrance facing Route 59 (near the Macy's first floor entrance). The facility was unveiled today during a grand opening event and buses will begin serving the new Bus Center tomorrow (Saturday, November 21). The project was a joint effort between the Rockland County Department of Public Transportation and the Palisades Center Mall.



County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef, Rich LeMond, General Manager of Palisades Center and Mike Gurski, County Transit Administrator unveil the new bus shelter

The Bus Center features a lighted, passenger waiting area with three bus shelters, passenger benches, and specially-designed bus pullover and passenger boarding areas. The Center is accessible via a newly constructed sidewalk to and from the Mall entrance, eliminating the need to walk across the roadway through the parking lot. Weatherproof display cases at the Center contain schedule posters listing the departure times and destinations of the bus routes that serve the Palisades Center.

Eight bus routes serve the Palisades Center Mall including the Transport of Rockland (TOR) #59, #91, #92 and #97, the TAPPAN ZEEExpress (TZx), the Clarkstown Mini Trans Routes A & D, and the Rockland Coaches (Red & Tan Lines) #20. All of these routes will begin using the new Bus Center on Saturday, November 21, 2009.

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Buses will no longer serve the Mall's old bus stop location (near Bed, Bath and Beyond) after Friday, November 20, 2009. Bus schedules will not change. Bus service to the Commuter Parking Lot at the Palisades Center (across from the Home Depot) will not change.

The County contributed the bus shelters and other equipment for the Bus Center along with the shelter installation using Federal Transit Administration (80%), NYS Department of Transportation (10%) and other transportation dollars allocated to Rockland County (10%). The County's contribution toward the project was approximately \$20,000. No County tax funds were used to pay for the project.

Pyramid Companies, owner of the Palisades Center, coordinated and performed the engineering and construction work for the roadway and sidewalk modifications that were needed for the project. The sidewalk and bus pull off area transition together to provide an uninterrupted smooth surface between the parking lot, the bus waiting area and the Mall's entrance, ensuring easier access for people with disabilities. The cost for the Mall's portion of the project was approximately \$80,000.

"Rockland County's TOR and TZx buses bring hundreds of shoppers and employees to Palisades Center every day," said County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef. "The County is pleased to have played a role in meeting the needs of our riders at this very popular location, and we thank the Palisades Center for helping us establish this important facility."

"Palisades Center is one of the top ten destination malls in the country which serves thousands of customers daily," said Rich LeMond, General Manager for the Center. "We are pleased to have partnered with the County to provide a new bus shelter for our mall patrons and employees prior to the holidays of which, all signs signal to be a busy shopping season."

"The Clarkstown Mini Trans bus service provides more than 40 trips a day to the Palisades Center," said Supervisor Alexander J. Gromack. "The Town is pleased that Clarkstown residents and bus riders from all areas now have improved and safer access to the Mall."

Palisades Center is a transfer point for TOR #59, #91, #92 and #97, connecting from all five towns in Rockland County. TAPPAN ZEEexpress buses connect with Westchester County's BeeLine buses and Metro-North trains at the White Plains TransCenter and at Tarrytown Station. The Clarkstown Mini Trans Routes A and D provide local service within the Town of Clarkstown, and Coach USA's Rockland Coaches (Red & Tan Lines) #20 travels to Manhattan via Bergen County, NJ.

For information on these bus schedules and for all other transit inquiries, call the Rockland Transit Information Center at 845-364-3333, Monday through Friday, between 9 am and 5 pm. Visit online at [www.rocklandgov.com](http://www.rocklandgov.com) and click on the bus.

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