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Owego, NY – This week seven new “Ride Tioga” buses will be rolling out along County roads replacing the old tired rusted small school bus-type vehicles (the white ones with maroon stripes). The new buses will have the new colorful “Ride Tioga” graphics seen on the five new buses the County received last November. Ninety percent of the cost of all the buses is paid for from State and federal D.O.T. grants. The ten percent County share is paid for by the bus operator locally known as T-Tran.

Grant funds were also secured to put up the new yellow, green, and blue bus stop signs you may have seen going up around the County as well as the publication of new more user-friendly bus schedules.

Next year, the County hopes to be awarded additional funds to buy three large buses that will serve the County’s routes to Ithaca/Cornell University. The County is also working on some route modifications for January 2004 that will provide improved service to the overcrowded Ithaca routes and better connections to Broome County shopping and education institutions.

The County hopes that all of these new Ride Tioga transit improvements will entice more riders to use this important community service. For more information on Ride Tioga Public Transit call 607-699-RIDE (7433) or log on to www.tiogacountyny.com and click on transportation.

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