

## Senator Jen Metzger Joins Residents and Legislators in Riding the Move Sullivan Bus Loop

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Sullivan County, NY...Yesterday morning, State Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) traveled on the Move Sullivan bus loop in Sullivan County to help showcase the first five-day-a-week County-provided mass transit in Sullivan's 210-year history. Expanding affordable public transportation is high on the Senator's list of priorities for both economic and environmental reasons. "Public transportation is a gateway to educational and job opportunities for people who do not drive or own a car, and it also reduces energy consumption and pollution by reducing the number of individual vehicles on the road," said Senator Metzger.

"I'm so glad I had the opportunity to experience Move Sullivan's comfortable buses and chat

with commuters in Sullivan County," **said Senator Metzger.** "I commend County government for taking this big and important step to expand public transportation availability in this rural county, and I encourage residents to take full advantage of this great new transportation offering."

Assemblymember Aileen Gunther (AD-100), Sullivan County Chairman Luis Alvarez, Deputy County Manager John Liddle, Transportation Director Ruthann Hayden, Monticello Central School District Superintendent Dr. William Silver, and Center for Workforce Development Director Laura Quigley — who worked hard to implement the Move Sullivan routes — were also along for the morning's bus ride.

"I am so grateful and delighted that both Senator Metzger and Assemblywoman Gunther took time out of their busy schedules to take a ride on our exciting new service, Move Sullivan," said Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development Director Laura Quigley, who spearheaded the years-long effort to launch Move Sullivan. "These public transportation routes, in existence for just three months, have already transformed people's lives, especially in connecting employees with employers in Sullivan County, which maintains the highest job growth rate in the State. Senator Metzger and Assemblywoman Gunther enjoyed spending time with local riders on this trip, and I appreciate the genuine care and concern they demonstrated, along with their commitment to improve this crucially important service as it grows."

Regular Move Sullivan loop routes run 7:30 am through 5:30 pm, and \$2-per-ride fares go into effect on January 2, 2020. The schedule is available www.MoveSullivan.com.