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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Laketran debuts Ohio’s first battery-operated electric bus with charging demonstration at the dedication of**

**Frank J. Polivka Transit Center**

The Frank J. Polivka Transit Center at Lakeland Community College was built to improve access to higher education and training and to house the charging infrastructure for Laketran’s zero emissions, battery-operated electric bus fleet. Improving the customer experience, transit riders now enjoy an indoor waiting area, public restrooms, real-time route information, and Wi-Fi while taking Laketran.

Laketran is converting 60% of its transit bus fleet to electric buses.

What to see:

* Laketran’s first indoor transit center with latest technology including [ABB fast chargers for Ohio’s first electric buses](https://new.abb.com/ev-charging/products/pantograph-down) and accessible LED real-time arrival signs.
* Charging demonstration of Laketran’s 35-foot [New Flyer xcelsior CHARGE](https://www.newflyer.com/bus/xcelsior-charge-ng/) electric transit bus
* Laketran’s electric bus features the industry’s newest automatic wheelchair securement, the [QStraint Quantum](https://www.qstraint.com/quantum/) improving independence and accessibility for people with disabilities.
* Honoring Frank J. Polivka’s contribution to the transit industry in NEO throughout his 42-year career. Polivka was Laketran’s first employee serving as general manager from 1979-2003, then served as the Director of Procurement at Greater Cleveland RTA from 2004-2019 completing significant projects, most notable the construction of the GCRTA Healthline.

WHAT: Ohio’s First Battery Operated Electric Bus at the Frank J Polivka Transit Center dedication

WHEN: Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Frank J. Polivka Transit Center at Lakeland Community College

7601 Clocktower Dr. Kirtland, OH 44094

PHOTO & FACTS: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HGsIqyqpLYpeY534EgSiYeQbNOaAcz2V>

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