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Commuter Services’ database hits record 11,000 commuters
Record pace of employer and worker participation continues

York, Pa. – Commuter Services of South Central Pennsylvania announced that it hit a record of 11,000 commuters in its confidential, on-line ridematching database this week.

The non-profit Commuter Services continues to see avid interest in its free programs from employers and commuters, with a 10 percent increase in database participants in just six weeks. The 10,000 milestone was reached in early September,

Using recently-released 2007 US Census American Community Survey data, Commuter Services now estimates there are about 875,000 commuters in the seven-county Commuter Services region. That is 50,000 more commuters than were reported in the 2000 Census. The American Community Survey reported that about 80 percent of respondents were driving alone to work.

	Commuters 2000 Census	Commuters 2007 Census	Increase %	2007 Census Drive Alone	2007 Census Drive Alone %
Adams	45,475	50,537	11.13 %	41,911	82.9 %
Cumberland	105,860	114,565	8.22 %	93,383	81.5 %
Dauphin	121,202	128,858	6.32 %	99,967	77.6 %
Lancaster	231,674	240,687	3.89 %	191,365	79.5 %
Lebanon	58,804	60,913	3.59 %	50,126	82.3 %
Perry	21,391	21,391*	N A	N A	N A
York	193,126	212,183	9.87 %	175,530	82.7 %
Commute from other Counties	45,748	45,748*	N A	N A	N A
TOTAL	823,280	874,882			

*2000 census information; no 2007 data update. The 2007 American Community Survey was only of areas of 65,000 populations or more.

Commuter Services promotes alternatives to commuting alone to commuters who live or work in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York counties. Primary outreach is through employers in these counties, and all services are free.

Commuters can get into the database to find potential commuting partners online at www.PaCommuterServices.org to provide some information about their trip. Even if they are not seeking rideshares, commuters who use alternatives (including transit, biking or walking) can sign up in the database to be eligible for reimbursements for emergency rides home.

**About Commuter Services of South Central Pennsylvania:
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Commuter Services is a program of the non-profit Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership, whose board includes the Harrisburg Regional Chamber; the Gettysburg Adams, Lebanon Valley and York County Chambers of Commerce; Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Adams County Transit Authority (ACTA); County of Lebanon Transit Authority (COLT); Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA, Lancaster); York County Transportation Authority (rabbitransit); Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg); the Lancaster, Lebanon and York metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs); Harrisburg MPO (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties) and Adams Rural Planning Organization (RPO). Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration and PennDOT.