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Inaugural 'Try Transit' Month Saves More Than 74,000 Vehicle Miles

Event encouraged commuters to try alternative transportation for the month of September

YORK, Pa. (November 08, 2011) – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania launched its inaugural 'Try Transit' month in September, encouraging local commuters to try public transportation options rather than driving alone. There were a total of 114 participants from 11 counties that took part in Try Transit Month, logging a total of 74,413 miles traveled by bus or train instead of in their cars. To participate, commuters were asked to try out their local bus service or Amtrak, log their miles traveled, and turn it in to Commuter Services of PA at the end of the month to be entered to win a monthly pass from their local transit provider and other prizes.

Beth Sciulli of Lebanon County was the grand prize winner and received an iPod Shuffle. Sciulli opted to ride Lebanon Transit for nine days out of the month, logging a total of 270 miles.

Other winners won a free monthly pass from their transit agency. They were:

- Charlene Smith of Reading, Berks County, who logged 96 miles for the month, choosing BARTA as alternative transportation.
- Pamela Howard-Brown of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, logged 10 miles by choosing to ride CAT transit.
- Dwayne Murphy of Jonestown, Lebanon County, logged more than 1,000 miles by choosing to ride Lebanon Transit to his job in Dauphin County.
- Sandra Clippinger of Dallastown, York County, who logged more than 1,500 miles by riding rabbittransit to her job in Baltimore County, Maryland.
- David High of Lancaster, who logged 24 miles by riding Red Rose Transit to his job in Lancaster County.

Using public transit results in fewer cars and less congestion on the roadways, which helps to improve air quality and lessen travel time, and is often the most affordable mode of transportation to work. Commuter Services works with employers and commuters to encourage options such as taking transit, carpooling, biking, walking, vanpooling or telecommuting in order to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

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Commuter Services board includes transit agencies, planning organizations and chambers:

- Harrisburg Regional Chamber; the Gettysburg Adams, Lebanon Valley, Greater Chambersburg, and York County Chambers of Commerce; Lancaster and Greater Reading Chambers of Commerce & Industry;
- Adams County Transit Authority (ACTA); Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority (BARTA), County of Lebanon Transit Authority (LT); Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA, Lancaster); York County Transportation Authority (rabbittransit); Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg);
- Lancaster, Lebanon, Reading Area and York metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs); Harrisburg MPO (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties) and Adams and Franklin counties Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs).

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