

# COMMUTER SERVICES OF PA Program Update

Serving employers and commuters in Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York counties.

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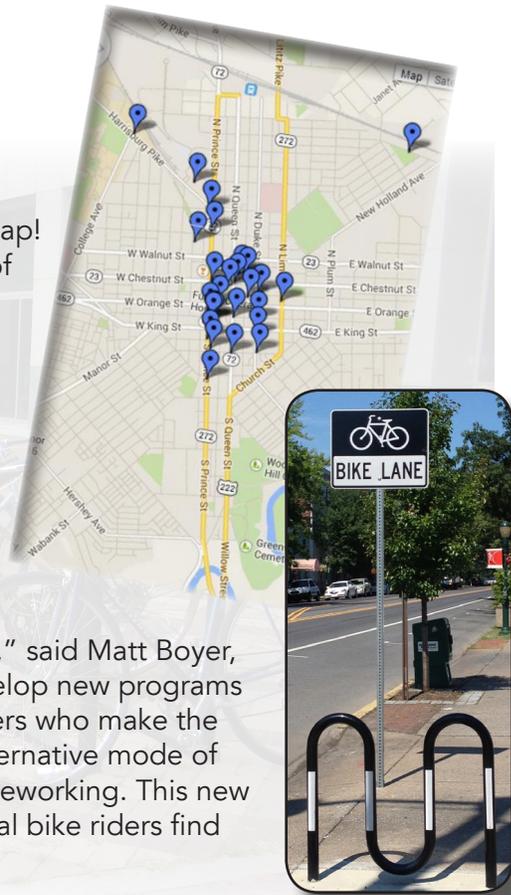
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# New Interactive Bike Rack Map

Commuter Services launched its new, interactive Regional Bike Rack Map! The electronic map provides bicyclists with information and locations of more than 120 bike racks throughout the Commuter Services nine-county region.

Bicyclists can quickly obtain directions and view photos and site descriptions of each rack, making it easier to find parking while they commute through the area. The map is an ongoing project and will continue to grow with more bike rack locations being added during additional phases of the project. To view the Bike Rack Map, visit: [pacommuterservices.org/bike-rack-map](http://pacommuterservices.org/bike-rack-map).

"We're excited to unveil the first phase of the Regional Bike Rack Map," said Matt Boyer, Executive Director of Commuter Services of Pennsylvania. "As we develop new programs at Commuter Services, we consistently look for ways to assist commuters who make the smart choice to get out of a single occupancy vehicle and utilize an alternative mode of transportation such as bicycling, walking, carpooling, vanpooling or teleworking. This new map is a great step towards helping bicycle commuters and recreational bike riders find bike rack locations across the region."



# Inaugural Vanpool Appreciation Month Celebrated

Commuter Services of Pennsylvania recently completed its inaugural Vanpool Appreciation Month. Vanpool riders were encouraged to share how vanpooling has impacted their daily commute. The entries were judged and three vanpools were selected as winners. To view the vanpool entries, visit: [pacommuterservices.org/vanpoolappreciationmonth2014](http://pacommuterservices.org/vanpoolappreciationmonth2014).

A typical vanpool consists of eight to 15 riders who have a consistent work schedule and ride more than 20 miles one way to work. Currently, Commuter Services assists 35 vanpools in a nine county service area.



More than 240,000 miles one-way are eliminated each day by these commuters choosing vanpooling as their commute option rather than driving alone.

By participating in a vanpool, commuters save money on gas, insurance and wear and tear on their personal vehicle.

Commuter Services works with employers and commuters to encourage a variety of commuting options including biking, taking transit, carpooling, walking, vanpooling or telecommuting. Using alternative transportation results in fewer cars on the roadways, improved air quality and reduced traffic congestion and travel time.



# Earth Day Challenge



Commuter Services of Pennsylvania issued its annual challenge to commuters to try an alternative commuting option, other than driving alone, during Earth Week, April 20th - 26th. In total, 336 commuters logged 69,115 miles by taking alternative transportation during the week of Earth Day. A winner was chosen from each of the nine counties who participated. William Brent (right) of Dover, York County, logged 132 miles during Earth Week and was also the randomly selected grand prize winner.

# Bike to Work Week Challenge

A total of 112 participants logged 3,459 miles while commuting to work by bicycle during this year's annual Bike to Work Week Challenge. Phoenix Contact took first place as the employer with the most participation; seven employees participated in the event, logging a total of 197 miles commuted by bike. Chris Weaver of Dauphin County, who rode 30 miles to his job at Penn State Harrisburg, was the randomly selected grand prize winner.



# First Annual Report Released



Commuter Services of Pennsylvania released its first ever Annual Report for 2013. The report recaps 2013 highlights, provides an overview of the programs available and offers insight into the strategic plan in the next few years.

To view the 2013 Annual Report visit:  
[http://pacommeterservices.org/wp-content/uploads/CommuterServices\\_AnnualReport\\_FINAL\\_Web.pdf](http://pacommeterservices.org/wp-content/uploads/CommuterServices_AnnualReport_FINAL_Web.pdf).

# New Team Addition

Holly Anderson joined the Commuter Services team as an Outreach Coordinator in January 2014. In this role, Holly will be working with the Employer Outreach Managers to visit employer and community partners throughout our nine-county service area to share the details of Commuter Services programs.



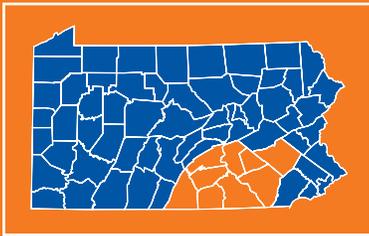
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Commuter Services of Pennsylvania was recognized by the Lebanon Valley Bicycle Coalition (LVBC) for their expertise and commitment to encouraging bicycling throughout the Lebanon area. Laura Heilman (left), Outreach and Vanpool Manager is joined by the Lebanon County Board of Commissioners, Robert Phillips, Williams Ames and JoEllen Litz, as she accepts the award from LVBC President, Pat Krebs.



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 Greater Chambersburg Chambers of Commerce, the York County Economic Alliance; Lancaster and Greater Reading Chambers of Commerce & Industry; Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority (BARTA), Lebanon Transit (LT); Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA, Lancaster); York Adams Transportation Authority (rabbitttransit); Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg); Adams, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Reading and York Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Harrisburg MPO (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties).

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