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Commuter Services issues Earth Day challenge
Try a new way to commute for a day and register to win a prize

York, Pa. – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania is urging regional commuters to try a commuting option, other than driving alone, on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22. Taking transit, carpooling, biking, walking, vanpooling or telecommuting improves air quality.

Commuters can log on to the Commuter Services Web site, PaCommuterServices.org on or after Earth Day to report what alternative mode they used. Commuter Services will be awarding prizes, including a Commuter Perks Pack with a $25 gift card and more than $25 in commuter-related merchandise, to a randomly-selected winner. Other challenge participants in the eight Commuter Services counties will be randomly selected to win other prizes.

For every 10,000 commuter vehicles taken off the road, vehicle pollution is reduced by an estimated 85,000 tons of carbon dioxide, 1,400 tons of carbon monoxide, 112 tons of volatile organic compounds and 124.5 tons of oxides of nitrogen a year.

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About Commuter Services

Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration through PennDOT and the region’s metropolitan and rural planning organizations.

Commuter Services board includes transit agencies, planning organizations and chambers: Harrisburg Regional Chamber; the Gettysburg Adams, Lebanon Valley 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 (COLT); Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA, Lancaster); York County Transportation Authority (rabbitransit); Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg); the Lancaster, Lebanon, Reading Area and York metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs); Harrisburg MPO (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties) and Adams Rural Planning Organization (RPO).