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**Commuter Services, Regional Transit Agencies
Join for June 18 “Dump the Pump” Day**

York, Pa. – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania and regional transit agencies will participate in a variety of activities on Thursday, June 18, 2009, “Dump the Pump” Day, an annual event promoting transit use and reduced gasoline consumption.

Commuter Services will place fliers on buses in the region to let commuters know they may qualify for a free Emergency Ride Home. The Emergency Ride Home program is for commuters who use an alternative to driving alone to work at least twice a week. It reimburses them for rides home in cases of family emergencies, freeing more commuters to participate in options such as transit, vanpools or carpools.

By using an option to commuting alone, commuters can “dump the pump” and save money, as well as reduce traffic and vehicle emissions. Public transportation in the United States saves the equivalent of four million gallons of gasoline a day, or the equivalent of 34 super tankers of oil a year, according to the American Public Transit Association, which developed the “Dump the Pump” campaign.

Regional “Dump the Pump” transit agency activities include:

- ♦ County of Lebanon Transit (COLT) will offer free transit for the day and provide coloring book and crayons to children. COLT also will sell hot dogs and drinks for 25 cents each.
- ♦ Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA) of Lancaster will hand out campaign buttons and offer prizes to riders who tell their “Dump the Pump” stories. The grand prize winner will receive a free year on RRTA.
- ♦ rabbittransit (York) will launch a campaign offering riders with monthly rabbittransit passes the chance to apply for free, refurbished bicycles to help them with their transportation needs and offering potential riders the opportunity to submit emails to receive a free ride pass coupon. rabbittransit also will promote a range of commuting options in its electronic newsletter.
- ♦ Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority (BARTA) will give away prizes of various transit passes.

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About Commuter Services of Pennsylvania:

Commuter Services provides free professional services to regional employers and commuters to promote options to driving alone (including transit, carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking, telecommuting and shifts that take workers out of rush hour traffic) to reduce vehicle pollution and traffic congestion and to improve highway safety. Participating counties include Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York. Services are funded with federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality dollars in partnership with the region's municipal and rural planning organizations. Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration and PennDOT.

About the Non-Profit Commuter Services Board of Directors

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 Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Adams County Transit Authority (ACTA); Berks Area Reading 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).