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Commuter Services Announces Earth Day Challenge Winners

Commuters log over 53,000 miles in alternative transportation,
an increase of more than 25 times as many miles logged last year

YORK, Pa. (June 27, 2012) . For Earth Day 2012, Commuter Services of Pennsylvania issued a challenge to commuters to try an alternative commuting option, other than driving alone for Earth Day. During the week of Earth Day, April 22-28, commuters came together and helped reduce noise and air pollution in the south central PA region by trying transit, carpooling, biking, walking, vanpooling and even telecommuting throughout the week.

In total, 260 commuters logged over 53,410 miles by taking alternative transportation for the week of Earth Day. In 2011, 82 participants logged 2,100 miles, resulting in an increase of more than 25 times as many miles logged last year.

Below are the winners listed by county:

- Jeffrey McIntosh, a resident of New Oxford in Adams County, rode the bus and logged a total of 370 miles for his commute to Dauphin County, House of Representatives.
- Berks County winner, Joseph Lehman, of Douglassville, logged 160 miles by carpooling to his job at Carpenter Technologies in Berks County.
- Jerre Grimme of Camp Hill, teleworked two days saving a total of 18 miles. Jerre also biked that week to his job in Cumberland County and logged 4.5 miles.
- Joshua Jacoby, resident of Harrisburg in Dauphin County, rode his bike and logged 44 miles for his commuter to PSECU in Dauphin County.
- Franklin County winner, Niamate Leeper of Fayetteville, logged 114 miles via carpool to her job at Gettysburg College in Adams County.
- Laura Martin of Lancaster County walked a total of 7 miles to her job at Lancaster General Hospital.
- Phillip Groff, resident of Annville in Lebanon County, rode the bus and logged a total of 180 miles for his commute to M&T Bank in Dauphin County.
- Mary Goodling of Newport in Perry County participated in a vanpool and logged 310 miles to her job at PHEAA in Dauphin County.
- LuAnn Snyder of York Country rode the bus and logged a total of 344 miles for her commute to Stanley Black & Decker in Baltimore, MD.

Lancaster County Government had the most participants during the week and logged a total of 781 miles of alternative transportation.

Commuter Services works with employers and commuters to encourage commuting by non-single occupancy vehicle alternatives 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 the York County Economic Alliance; Lancaster and Greater Reading Chambers of Commerce & Industry;
- Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority (BARTA), County of Lebanon Transit Authority (LT); Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA, Lancaster); York Adams Transportation Authority (rabbittransit); Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg);
- Lancaster, Lebanon, Reading and York Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs); Harrisburg MPO (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties) and Adams and Franklin counties Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs).

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