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## Celebrate Earth Day by Going Green

Commuter Services Issues Annual Challenge to Commuters To Reduce Carbon Footprint

**YORK, Pa. (April 17, 2013)**. Commuter Services of Pennsylvania is urging commuters to celebrate Earth Day this year by trying an alternative commuting option, other than driving alone, during the week of Earth Day, April 22-26. Area commuters are encouraged to come together to reduce noise and air pollution in the south central PA region by trying transit, carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking or even telecommuting throughout the week. Last year, a total of 260 commuters participated and logged more than 53,000 miles during the week of Earth Day.

Commuters can log their alternative commute at <u>www.pacommuterservices.org</u> during the week after Earth Day to record their miles and what alternative mode they used. Commuter Services will be awarding prizes, including a Commuter Perks Pack valued at more than \$25, to the commuter who logs the most miles. Winners will also be selected in each of the nine Commuter Services counties. This Earth Day take action, reduce your carbon footprint and make a difference.

Commuter Services works with employers and commuters to encourage commuting by nonsingle occupancy vehicle alternatives in order to alleviate traffic congestion and improve air quality.

Connect with Commuter Services on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/CommuterServicesPA</u>) and on Twitter (<u>twitter.com/SaveOnCommutePA</u>).

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

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

- Harrisburg Regional Chamber; the Gettysburg Adams, Lebanon Valley, Greater Chambersburg Chambers of Commerce, 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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