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### Commuter Services Kicks Off 3rd Annual

## 'Try Transit' Month in September

Commuters encouraged to try public transportation during the month of September and be entered to win a monthly transit pass and other prizes

**YORK, Pa. (August 27, 2013)** – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania is kicking off its third annual Try Transit Month in September by partnering with Central PA's transit agencies and encouraging local commuters to try bus or rail transportation options rather than driving alone. Commuters who participate in Try Transit Month will be entered to win prizes. Commuting by bus or rail is easier and more convenient than ever with the growing list of amenities that are offered, such as Wi-Fi, bike racks and express services.

During the month of September, commuters are invited to log their transit trips with Commuter Services and they will be entered to win prizes such as a monthly transit pass, an Amazon Kindle or a pair of round-trip Amtrak tickets to New York City.

Commuters can log their trips online at <a href="www.pacommuterservices.org">www.pacommuterservices.org</a>, or obtain a log sheet by contacting the Commuter Services office by phone at 1-866-579-RIDE. For more contest details, visit pacommuterservices.org/trytransitmonth2013.

During last year's contest in September of 2012, participants logged a total of 183,293 miles traveled by bus or train instead of driving alone.

Using public transportation results in fewer cars and less congestion on the roadways, which helps to improve air quality, and is often the most affordable mode of transportation for commuters.

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

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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, 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), Lebanon Transit (LT); Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA, Lancaster); York Adams Transportation Authority (rabbittransit); Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg);
- Adams, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Reading and York Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs); Harrisburg MPO (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties).

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