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**Commuter Services of Pennsylvania Completes
Inaugural Vanpool Appreciation Month
*Participants share how vanpooling impacts their daily commute***

York, Pa. (March 31, 2014) – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania recently completed its inaugural Vanpool Appreciation Month. Vanpool riders were encouraged to share how vanpooling has impacted their daily commute. The entries were judged and three vanpools were selected as winners. To view the vanpool entries, visit pacommuterservices.org/vanpoolappreciationmonth2014.

A typical vanpool consists of eight to fifteen riders who have a consistent work schedule and ride more than twenty miles one way to work. Currently, Commuter Services assists 33 vanpools in a nine county service area. By commuting together, rather than driving alone, these commuters are eliminating more than 230,000 miles one-way per month.

By participating in a vanpool, commuters save money on gas, insurance and wear and tear on their personal vehicle.

Commuter Services works with employers and commuters to encourage a variety of commuting options including biking, taking transit, carpooling, walking, vanpooling or telecommuting. Using alternative transportation results in fewer cars on the roadways, improved air quality and reduced traffic congestion and travel time.

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Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration through PennDOT and the region's metropolitan 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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