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Earth Day Challenge Program Grows by 30%

Area commuters log nearly 70,000 miles in alternative transportation during week-long event

YORK, Pa. (June 5, 2014) – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania’s recently completed Earth Day challenge grew by 30% over the previous year, with area commuters logging nearly 70,000 miles of alternative transportation during the week of Earth Day.

Each year, Commuter Services challenges commuters to try an alternative to driving to work alone during the week of Earth Day. Throughout the week, participants reduce noise and air pollution in the south central PA region by trying transit, carpooling, biking, walking, vanpooling and even telecommuting. More than 330 commuters participated in this year’s challenge with an official total of 69,115 miles logged in alternative transportation.

Winners of the Earth Day Challenge were selected from each county within the service area:

- Ryan Kerney, a resident of Gettysburg in Adams County, biked to his job at Gettysburg College and logged a total of 48 miles.
- Berks County winner, Meg Vilmont of Robesonia, logged 2 miles by walking to her job at Reading Bakery Systems in Berks County.
- Ruth Wilson of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, rode the bus to her job at PA Family Institute in Dauphin County and logged 80 miles.
- Betsy Dum, resident of Harrisburg in Dauphin County, rode the bus to her job at Holy Spirit Hospital in Cumberland County and logged a total of 32 miles.
- Franklin County winner, Elaine Snider of Chambersburg, logged 120 miles by carpooling to her job at Franklin County Head Start in Franklin County.
- Kyle Singer of Lititz, Lancaster County walked to his job at Susquehanna Bank in Lancaster County and logged a total of 10 miles.
- Mary Anspach, of Myerstown in Lebanon County, teleworked for her job at Bayer Healthcare and logged a total of 14 miles.
- Lori Sweger of Millerstown, Perry County, vanpooled to her job at PHEAA in Dauphin County and logged 216 miles.
- Lynne Grove of York, York County, carpoled to her job at Wellspan Health in York County and logged a total of 36 miles.

William Brent of Dover, York County, is the randomly selected grand prize winner. Brent teleworked for his job at PetSmart in Berks County one day and logged 132 miles.

PennDOT had the most participants during the challenge week and logged a total of 7,070 miles of alternative transportation.

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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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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