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Fourth Annual 'Try Transit' Month Saves More Than 277,000 Vehicle Miles

Local commuters encouraged to try public transportation during the month of September

YORK, Pa. (November 11, 2014) – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania launched its fourth annual 'Try Transit' month in September, encouraging local commuters to try bus or rail transportation options rather than driving alone. This year, a total of 271 participants, logged their transit trips. Sixteen counties were represented with participants logging a total of 277,656 miles traveled by bus or train instead of automobile.

To participate, commuters were asked to try local bus service or Amtrak, log the miles traveled, and turn it in to Commuter Services at the end of the month. By logging the mileage, commuters were entered to win a monthly pass from their local transit provider and other various prizes.

Giovanna Molina of Lebanon County was the randomly selected grand prize winner and received an Amazon Kindle. Molina opted to ride Lebanon Transit for twenty one days out of the month, logging a total of 63 miles.

Buff Mitchell of Cumberland County and Kim Monk of Dauphin County each won a pair of round-trip tickets to New York City on the Amtrak Keystone Service®. Mitchell rode Capital Area Transit, logging a total of 157.5 miles and Monk rode Capital Area Transit, logging a total of 10.

The following individuals also won a free monthly pass from their transit agency:

- Elizabeth Rodriguez of Reading, Berks County, logged 18.9 miles by riding BARTA.
- John Hines of Shippensburg, Franklin County, logged 817 miles riding Capital Area Transit.
- Amy Zeravsky of Lebanon, Lebanon County, logged more than 28 miles by riding Lebanon Transit.
- Evette Perry of York, York County, logged more than 119 miles by riding rabbittransit.
- Daniel Foltz of Leola, Lancaster County, logged 34.5 miles by riding Red Rose Transit.

Using public transit results in fewer cars on our roadways and less traffic congestion, which helps to improve air quality and lessen travel time. Public transit is often the most affordable mode of transportation for commuters to get to work. Commuter Services works with employers and commuters to encourage options such as taking transit, carpooling, biking, walking, vanpooling or telecommuting 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 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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