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Third Annual 'Try Transit' Month Saves More Than 155,000 Vehicle Miles

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

YORK, Pa. (October 29, 2013) – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania launched its third 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 229 participants logged their transit trips. Seventeen counties were represented with participants logging a total of 155,385 miles traveled by bus or train instead of their cars.

To participate, commuters were asked to try their 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.

Elizabeth Roth of York County was the randomly selected grand prize winner and received an Amazon Kindle. Roth rode rabbittransit for twenty days out of the month, logging a total of 640 miles.

Leah Lloyd of Lancaster County and Chantaey Diallo of Dauphin County each won two Amtrak roundtrip tickets to New York City. Lloyd rode Red Rose Transit, logging a total of 456 miles and Diallo rode CAT transit, logging a total of 16 miles.

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

- Pat Glass of Reading, Berks County, logged 144 miles by riding BARTA.
- Sarah Molitoris of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, logged 24 miles by riding CAT transit.
- Ric Farr of Palmyra, Lebanon County, logged more than 384 miles by riding Lebanon Transit to his job in Lebanon County.
- Frank O'Grady of York, York County, logged more than 700 miles by riding rabbittransit.
- Jared Hankee of Lancaster, logged 154 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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