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**Fifth Annual 'Try Transit' Month Saves More Than 204,000 Vehicle Miles**

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

**YORK, Pa. (October 29, 2015)** – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania launched its fifth 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 280 participants, logged their transit trips. Sixteen counties were represented with participants logging a total of 204,688 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.

Matthew Durlin of York County was the randomly selected grand prize winner and received an Amazon Kindle. Durlin opted to ride the rabbitexpress for 4 days out of the month, logging a total of 384 miles.

Virginia Reid of Cumberland County and Shelley Carr of Lancaster County each won a pair of round-trip Amtrak coach class tickets on the Amtrak® Keystone Service® valid from Harrisburg to New York City. Reid rode Capital Area Transit, logging a total of 20 miles and Carr rode Amtrak, logging a total of 962.

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

- Derek Hauck of Reading, Berks County, logged 648 miles by riding BARTA.
- Judith Narvaez of Highspire, Dauphin County, logged 336 miles riding Capital Area Transit.
- Ric Farr of Palmyra, Lebanon County, logged more than 240 miles by riding Lebanon Transit.
- Terrie Watts of York, York County, logged more than 440 miles by riding rabbittransit.
- Valerie Garcia of Lancaster, Lancaster County, logged 126 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:

- Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg), Lebanon Transit (LT), South Central Transit Authority (BARTA, Berks & RRTA, Lancaster) and York Adams Transportation Authority (rabbitransit, York & Freedom Transit, Adams).
- Adams, Franklin, Harrisburg (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties), Lancaster, Lebanon, NEPA (Schuylkill, Carbon, Monroe and Pike counties), Reading and York MPOs.
- The Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC; the Gettysburg Adams, Greater Chambersburg and Lebanon Valley Chambers of Commerce; the Greater Reading and Lancaster Chambers of Commerce & Industry and the York County Economic Alliance.

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