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Commuter Services Announces Earth Day Challenge Winners
Commuters log over 70,000 green miles during week challenge

YORK, Pa. (June 8, 2016) – To celebrate Earth Day in 2016, Commuter Services of Pennsylvania challenged commuters to try a green commuting option instead of driving alone. During the Earth Day promotion, April 17-23, commuters used non-drive alone modes such as transit, carpooling, biking, walking, vanpooling and even telecommuting throughout the week to help reduce noise and air pollution in the multi county region of the Commuter Services program.

In total, 343 commuters logged 70,787 miles by taking a different transportation mode for the week of Earth Day. Commuters participating in the challenge represented 24 different Pennsylvania counties.

Kathleen Kissinger, a resident of Harrisburg was selected as the Grand Prize winner of the Earth Day Challenge. Kissinger teleworked for her job one day and logged a total of 28 miles.

Runner-up winners include:

- Dan Flint, a resident of Hampden Township in Cumberland County, rode his bicycle five times to his job and logged a total of 40 miles.
- Hans Geyer, of Hershey, Dauphin County, logged 30 miles by bicycling to his job five times.
- Elizabeth Grant of Chambersburg, Franklin County, walked five days to her job and logged 5 miles.
- Tina Janke, a resident of Denver in Lancaster County, teleworked once for her job and logged a total of 24 miles.
- Ryan Kudasik of Fairfield, Adams County, logged 240 miles by carpooling twice and teleworking twice for his job.
Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration through PennDOT and the region’s metropolitan planning organizations.

Commuter Services board includes transit agencies, metropolitan planning organizations and chambers:

- Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg), Lebanon Transit (LT), South Central Transit Authority (BARTA, Berks & RRTA, Lancaster) and Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (rabbittransit, 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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