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Sixth Annual 'Try Transit' Month Takes Over 184,000 Vehicle Miles From Road

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

YORK, Pa. (November 1, 2016) – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania launched its sixth annual 'Try Transit' month in September, encouraging local commuters to try bus or rail transportation options rather than driving alone. During this one month promotion a total of 292 participants logged their transit trips. Commuters from nineteen counties were represented logging a total of 183,762 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 report their totals to Commuter Services at the end of the month. By logging the mileage, commuters were entered to win a Kindle Fire or a pair of round-trip Amtrak coach class tickets on the Amtrak® Keystone Service® valid from Harrisburg to New York City.

Ken Seachrist of York County was the randomly selected grand prize winner and received a Kindle Fire. Seachrist opted to ride rabbittransit 2 days out of the month, logging a total of 44 miles.

Lisa Clayton of Lancaster County and Miriam Velez of Dauphin County each won a pair of round-trip Amtrak coach class tickets on the Amtrak® Keystone Service® valid from Harrisburg to New York City. Clayton rode Red Rose Transit, logging a total of 78 miles and Velez rode Capital Area Transit, logging a total of 30 miles.

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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Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration through PennDOT and the region's metropolitan planning organizations.

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 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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