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**Commuter Services' 6th Annual
'Try Transit' Month Kicks Off**

During September commuters can try public transportation, track their trips and win

YORK, Pa. (August 31, 2016) – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania is once again encouraging local commuters to leave their cars at home and try riding the bus or train to work during the sixth annual Try Transit month. Last year, 280 participants logged a total of 204,688 miles traveled by using public transportation to get to work. Commuting by bus or train has never been easier or more convenient. Take advantage of Wi-Fi, bicycle racks, and express services as well as mobile friendly websites showing bus routes in real time that can send text or email alerts with estimated departure times.

By using public transportation, even just a few times a week, commuters can save money on gas and maintenance costs; plus when someone else does the driving it helps to reduce stress. Commuters who do not have a transit stop close to their house can take advantage of park and ride lots. Buses stop at the park and ride locations, allowing commuters to either drive their car or bike to the lot, and then continue to work on transit. When more people use public transportation it results in fewer cars on the road which helps to decrease congestion and improve air quality.

During September, commuters are invited to log their transit trips with Commuter Services and be entered to win prizes such as a Kindle Fire or two Amtrak® coach class tickets on the Amtrak Keystone Service®, valid from Harrisburg to New York City! Tracking trips is easily done online at www.pacommuterservices.org or by contacting Commuter Services at 1-866-579-RIDE to obtain a paper log form. For complete contest details, visit www.pacommuterservices.org/trytransitmonth2016/.

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- 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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