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Commuter Services Holds ‘Try Transit’ Month Contest for the 7th Year
Commuters can try public transportation and track their trips for the chance to win during the month of September

YORK, Pa. (August 30, 2017) – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania encourages local commuters to leave their cars at home and try riding the bus or train to work during the seventh annual Try Transit month, then log their transit trips with Commuter Services. By logging trips during the month of September, riders are 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. In 2016, 292 participants logged a total of 183,762 miles traveled by using public transportation to get to work.

Commuting by bus or train has never been easier or more convenient. Commuters can take advantage of Wi-Fi, bicycle racks, park and rides and express services during their commute. Area transit agencies now have mobile friendly websites showing bus routes in real time that can send text or email alerts with estimated departure times, helping commuters take that ‘next step’ to switch from driving alone.

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 can help 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 enjoy a much shorter ride to the park and ride 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.

Commuters can easily track their transit trips 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/trytransitmonth2017/.

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

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