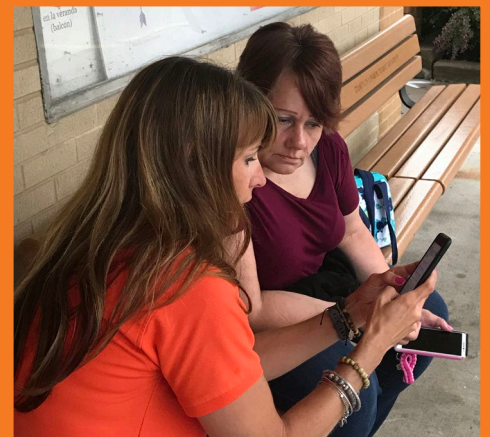


# COMMUTER SERVICES OF PA Program Update

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# COMMUTE PA

## Commuter Services Launches New Ridematch and Green Trip Tracking program, Commute PA

In February, Commuter Services of Pennsylvania launched its new rideshare and rewards program for area commuters. Commute PA helps commuters find rideshare partners as well as reward them for tracking green trips. The program is mobile-friendly to allow easy access directly from a smartphone and is available as an iOS app to download. Android app coming soon!

Commuters can track their telework, transit, carpool, bicycle, walk or vanpool trips for work and earn points for each trip. Users can also track and earn points for personal green trips, such as a bike ride to the grocery store or carpool trip to the beach. Those points can then be redeemed for rewards from local and national restaurants, retail locations and entertainment venues. Commuters can also see statistics such as money saved, gallons of gas saved, calories burned and emissions prevented by using an environmentally-friendly commute.

Commute PA is offered by Commuter Services of Pennsylvania as a program of the Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership (SRTTP). Using the data collected through this new program, Commuter Services can track how many miles are taken off the road, how many green trips are taken, amount of emissions reduced and much more. This data will help Commuter Services develop additional programs in the future to assist those looking for more efficient commuting options.

Commute PA is a program created by NuRide, who helps develop these programs across the country. After launching in 2003, NuRide has enrolled over 150,000 commuters nationwide, saving them over 600 million dollars, taking over 1 and a quarter billion miles off the roads and burning almost 3 billion calories by commuters.

## Commuters logged over 13,000 green miles during one day Earth Day event



Commuter Services of Pennsylvania issued its tenth annual Earth Day challenge to commuters to celebrate the use of green commuting options while traveling to work instead of driving alone. This year, commuters were asked to use an eco-friendly commute mode such as transit, carpooling, biking, walking, vanpooling and even telecommuting on Friday, April 20th to help reduce noise and air pollution in the PA region.

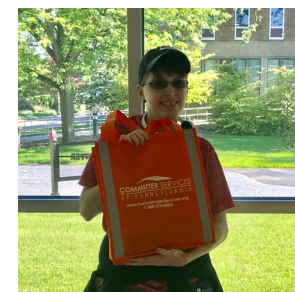
In total, **281 commuters logged 13,437 miles** by using green modes of transportation on Friday, April 20th. In total, these **281** commuters saved **\$7,323**, reduced **602** car trips from the road and burned **14,377** calories.

**Karley Ice**, a resident of Dillsburg in York County, was selected as the Grand Prize winner of the Earth Day Challenge. Ice teleworked for her job in Dauphin County.

### Runner-up winners included:



**Janice Dolci**, of Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, carpoled to her job.



**Chelsea Reist**, a resident of Lebanon in Lebanon County, rode transit to celebrate the day.



# Seven Area Employers Selected as Best Workplaces for Commuters

Commuter Services of Pennsylvania, in partnership with the National Center for Transit Research (NCTR) at the University of South Florida, designated seven local employers as “Best Workplaces for Commuters” for 2018. The employers are receiving this national recognition for the standard of excellence they have set while offering an extensive list of commuter benefits and a wide range of transportation options to their employees. Companies who pursue “Best Workplaces for Commuters” status must meet a stringent set of national guidelines established by NCTR. Only a small percentage of employers nationwide possess the willingness and ability to attain this exceptional standing.



The “Best Workplaces for Commuters” designation acknowledges employers who have excelled at implementing green commuter programs. These programs include ridesharing, transit benefits, biking/walking, teleworking, flexible work schedules and other transportation demand management strategies designed to decrease traffic congestion and improve traffic related air pollution levels. By offering these commuter benefits, these seven employers are committing to regional pollution reduction, greater economical savings related to commuting costs and lessening employee stress caused by single occupant vehicle travel to and from work.

### The employers receiving this recognition include:

Always Bagels, Lebanon County

Comcast, York County

County of Lancaster, Lancaster County

Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories, Lancaster County

Fresh Express, Dauphin County

Hollander Sleep Products, LLC, Schuylkill County

Ingram Micro, Dauphin County

“Best Workplaces for Commuters recognizes employers who offer commuter benefits such as subsidized transit passes, vanpool subsidies, ridematching services or telework programs,” said Phil Winters, NCTR’s national transportation demand management program director and co-manager for Best Workplaces for Commuters. “Offering commuter benefits is a win-win situation for employees who change their commuting habits save time, money and stress and employers who gain a competitive edge in employee recruiting and retention.”



## Commuter Services Announces Winners for Bike Month Challenge

Commuter Services of Pennsylvania announced the winners of their tenth annual Bike Challenge in May. A total of 101 participants logged **8,427 miles** while commuting by bicycle. **1,861 bicycle trips** were tracked during the month for work and leisure. The Bike Month Challenge was open to all employers in the participating counties of Adams, Berks, Carbon, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Monroe, Perry, Pike, Schuylkill and York, as well as commuters who live or work in these counties.

PSECU, located in Dauphin County, took first place as employer with the most participants. They had seven employees log **82 bicycle** trips during the challenge. For being the employer with the most participants, those employees won a free breakfast.



**Levi Schneck**



**Laura Hatton**

Three local bicyclists were randomly selected to win a \$25 Tröegs gift card and Commuter Services Bicycle prize pack.

The winners were:

**Laura Hatton** of Lancaster, tracked 30 bicycle trips during the month.

**Levi Schneck** of York, logged two trips in the month of May.

**Brandon Perrone** of Berks, took ten bicycle trips. (Not pictured)

Commuter Services is a program of the non-profit Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership, whose board includes 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. The Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC; the Gettysburg Adams, Greater Chambersburg and Lebanon Valley Chambers of Commerce; the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Greater Reading Chamber Alliance and the York County Economic Alliance.

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