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Adams County joins Commuter Services
Project expands to cover an estimated 823,000 commuters

Gettysburg, Pa. – Commuter Services of South Central Pennsylvania today announced that Adams County is now the seventh county participating in the regional partnership promoting commuter alternative programs to employers and commuters.

Adams County representatives joining the non-profit Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership (SRTP) board, which oversees Commuter Services, are:

- Kenneth Farabaugh, Chair of the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, as board member and John McKenna, the Chamber's Treasurer as his alternate
- Richard Schmoyer, AICP, Director of Planning & Development (member), and Andrew Merkel, AICP, project planner (alternate), of the Adams County Office of Planning and Development
- Richard Farr, Executive Director, rabbittransit, representing the Adams County Transit Authority

Founded in 2004, Commuter Services has been providing free services that promote commuter alternatives to reduce traffic congestion in the six counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York.

Including Adams, there are an estimated 823,000 commuters in the seven-county Commuter Services area. Of these, about 777,500 commuters live in one of the seven counties and another 45,500 commuters travel to work in one of the seven counties from other areas.

Adams County has more 53,000 commuters coming in and out of the county, according to 2000 census data. In what is becoming a more common commuting pattern, nearly half of the Adams residents leave the county to work. The largest outflows are more than 11,000 Adams County residents headed for York County destinations and more than 5,300 residents with Maryland destinations.

(See seven-county commuter data charts on final page of release)

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“We’re excited about having Commuter Services’ resources available to Adams County employers and commuters. It is a great way to reduce traffic, but employers who participate will also find a new way to help recruit and retain workers through a flexible array of programs,” said Farabaugh.

Commuter Services will work with employers and commuters in Adams, as it does in the other counties, to promote commuter alternatives, including carpooling, transit, vanpooling, biking, walking, telecommuting and scheduling work shifts during off-peak travel time.

Commuters can visit the Web site to get information, to sign up for the ridematching service in a confidential database and to use the calculator on that site to see what their commute costs.

Employers can receive counseling on what options might be useful to help them meet their needs, including employee recruitment and retention. Commuter Services holds on-site employee education programs.

The regional program is unique in the nation because it was founded by chambers of commerce, metropolitan planning organizations and transit agencies, who continue to direct the program through the board of the non-profit SRTP.

Services are free because the project is being underwritten by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration as a way to reduce traffic congestion, air pollution, and accidents.

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About Commuter Services of South Central Pennsylvania:

Commuter Services is a program of the non-profit Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership, whose board includes the Harrisburg Regional Chamber; the Gettysburg Adams, Lebanon Valley and York County Chambers of Commerce; Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Adams County Transit Authority (ACTA); County of Lebanon Transit Authority (COLT); Red Rose Transit Authority (Lancaster); York County Transportation Authority (rabbittransit); Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg); the Lancaster, Lebanon and York metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs); Harrisburg MPO (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties) and Adams Rural Planning Organization (RPO). Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration, PennDOT and the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

-More - seven-county commuter data charts attached -

Seven-County Commuter Data

OUTFLOW

Regional commuters: Commuting within the 7 Commuter Services counties

Home County	County residents who commute within their home county	Commuters going to one of the other 6 SRTP counties	Number commuting to other destinations	Total Commuters from county
Adams	24,495	13,982	6,998	45,475
Cumberland	73,081	28,432	4,347	105,860
Dauphin	93,958	24,399	2,845	121,202
Lancaster	201,608	14,197	15,869	231,674
Lebanon	36,677	18,248	3,879	58,804
Perry	6,738	13,853	800	21,391
York	142,104	32,246	18,776	193,126
TOTAL	578,661	145,357	53,514	777,532

INFLOW

Regional commuters: Entering the 7 Commuter Services counties

Work Place County	Incoming Commuters (not county residents)	Commuters from other 6 Commuter Service counties	Additional commuters (non-Commuter Services area)
Adams	8,202	5,875	2,327
Cumberland	46,084	39,282	6,802
Dauphin	70,602	59,332	11,270
Lancaster	23,076	12,764	10,312
Lebanon	9,910	5,325	4,585
Perry	2,074	927	1,147
York	27,268	17,963	9,305
TOTAL	187,216	141,468	45,748

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