

# Commute PA Program Update

*Serving employers and commuters in Adams,  
Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin,  
Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York Counties.*

TRANSIT CARPOOLING WALKING



BIKING TELECOMMUTING VANPOOLING

**Fall 2023 | Winter 2024**

**COMMUTE PA**  
Greener Trips. Cleaner Air.



Car Free Day, celebrated on Friday, September 22nd, encouraged motorists to give up their cars for a day. We asked commuters within our nine-county area to go car free for the entire month and try a different commute mode, other than driving solo. This event helps to highlight the benefits achieved by going car free such as reduced air pollution and less traffic congestion. Participants were asked to record their carpool, vanpool, telework, bike, walk, and transit trips in Commute PA and to engage with our social media posts. In addition, we held an employer

race where organizations competed to see who could record the most green trips during the month.

**Eurofins (Lancaster)** was the top organization with the most green trips, with employees recording 1,733 trips and exceeding their previous year's total. A round of applause goes to our runner-up organizations: **County of Lancaster** with 559 green trips, **County of Berks** with 244 green trips, **Thermo Fisher Scientific (Dauphin)** with 153 green trips, and **Ashley Furniture Industries (Berks)** with 76 green trips.

We thank all involved for their commitment to reducing their carbon footprint during the month. View the September Commute PA stats below!



**9,139**  
Green  
Trips



**139,220**  
Miles  
Not Driven



**\$87,013**  
Commuter  
Savings



**6,016**  
Gallons of  
Gas Saved



**331,666**  
Calories  
Burned

We hosted a two-week competition among local county governments in November, challenging them to record the most green trips during that timeframe. Our county locations represent some of the largest employer sites within their communities and they continue to lead by example to prioritize alternative modes to driving alone not only for their employees, but for the residents they serve. This clash was a way to showcase their daily efforts. Once again, the **County of Lancaster** won the trophy, securing first place with 357 trips!



Thanks to **Franklin County Government** (158 green trips), **County of Berks** (109 green trips), and **County of Dauphin** (18 green trips) for their participation and dedication to promoting sustainable commuting practices.



For the fifth year, we partnered with the CareerLink offices in our service area to host the Clash of the CareerLinks. This was a friendly competition to reduce employee drive alone trips. The goal was to educate employees at the regional CareerLink offices so they in turn can help their clients find options for getting to work, other than driving alone. In a display of environmental awareness, Adams County emerged as the champion of the 2023 Clash of the CareerLinks, achieving a 38% employee participation rate. **Berks County** followed closely behind with 30%, while **York County** secured third place with 18%, and the **Capitol Region** claimed fourth place with 6%.

A diverse range of green transportation options were embraced, including carpooling, bus riding, telecommuting, walking, biking, and even packing a brown bag lunch to decrease trips during the day.

Find us!



We invited students, faculty, and staff from colleges and universities to take part in a friendly competition and travel green around their campus and local community instead of driving alone to celebrate College Month this October. This annual event is a way to partner with schools and promote sustainable transportation options. We were thrilled to announce Franklin & Marshall College as the winner, recording an impressive 700 green trips, marking their third consecutive year in first place.



Our thanks to **Millersville University** (148 green trips), **Shippensburg University** (142 green trips), **Harrisburg University of Science and Technology** (133 green trips), and **Gettysburg College** (44 green trips) for actively participating in the challenge.

These institutions are recognized for their efforts to educate their students, faculty, and staff on the different commute options that are available within the local area.

## GETTYSBURG



### Walk Bike Bus

Together with **@Home in Adams County**, we promoted the first annual Walk, Bike, Bus Gettysburg active transportation initiative in September, encouraging residents and commuters to prioritize a cleaner means of travel. Throughout the month, transportation resources were provided to motivate individuals to increase their walk, bike, and bus trips to get around and explore downtown Gettysburg. Participants used Commute PA to record their trips for the chance to win prizes.

Travelers recorded **64 green trips** during the month. As a result, they collectively removed **1,272 miles from the roadways, reduced CO2 emissions by 1,133 pounds, and saved \$795**. Additionally, participants **burned 1,502 calories**, contributing to their overall health and fitness.

We appreciate the Adams County commuters, residents, and organizations who participated!

## Welcome New Partners!

### New Community Partners

*Berks Latino Workforce Development Corporation, Berks  
Franklin County Housing Authority, Franklin  
Keystone Health, Franklin  
PA Rep. Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz, Berks  
Tribe on a Quest, Dauphin  
UPMC CARES, Central PA*

### New Employer Partners

*Boxzooka, Dauphin  
Choice Staffing, Lebanon  
EasyPak LLC, Berks  
Graciously Aging Home Care, Berks  
Nortera Foods, Lebanon  
Penske Logistics, Cumberland  
PA CareerLink, Berks*

Know an organization that would be a good fit?  
Let us know and we can reach out to them.

### *New Year, New Look!*



In January 2024, Commuter Services of Pennsylvania became **Commute PA** with a new look and brand colors. After twenty years, we thought it would be a perfect time to refresh our look. Don't worry, we will still be providing tools to make it easier for you to travel around the region.



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Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership (S RTP / Commute PA) received the Commuting Options Award for Active Transportation at the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) 37th Annual International Conference in Seattle on August 2, 2023.

This award, one of 14 distributed to Transportation Demand Management (TDM) professionals and organizations, recognized association members for an exemplary program, policy, or service that advances active transportation. Winners included individuals and organizations performing outstanding work to create accessible, sustainable, and robust transportation infrastructure to improve mobility.

The S RTP (Commute PA) took the lead to create a Regional Bike Share program for local commuters by forming a committee with members from transit authorities, metropolitan planning organizations, health organizations, and city representatives. The committee, led by the S RTP, has worked to implement a regional program across South Central PA. As of today, a commuter can purchase a universal annual membership and will gain access to 4 active bike share programs, in **Harrisburg, Hershey, Lancaster, and Wyomissing** with an additional 2 communities to launch in the future.



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Commute PA is a program of the non-profit Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership, whose board includes Lebanon Transit (LT), South Central Transit Authority (BARTA, Berks & RRTA, Lancaster) and Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority (CAT, Cumberland/Dauphin & rabbittransit, Adams/York). Adams, Franklin, Harrisburg (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties), Lancaster, Lebanon, Reading and York MPOs. The Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC; Greater Chambersburg and Lebanon Valley Chambers of Commerce; Greater Reading Chamber Alliance; Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry; The Chamber of Gettysburg & Adams County and the York County Economic Alliance. One board seat is also set aside for a corporate executive. Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration and PennDOT in partnership with the participating MPOs.