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COMMUTEINFO SEES OVER 81% INCREASE IN COMMUTER REGISTRATIONS

PITTSBURGH, PA. — 562 people requested information about commuting alternatives during September. This is an increase of 81% from August. It is also the highest number of registrations received during any month in 4 years.

The Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership (PDP) has been working with the CommuteInfo program to encourage commuters in the Pittsburgh region to fill out an online profile to receive a free, personalized report of commuting options. Between now and December, anyone who goes to www.commuteinfo.org and completes an online profile will be automatically entered into a drawing to win one of three gift cards each month for downtown stores and restaurants, including Capital Grille, Six Penn Kitchen, McCormick and Schmick's, One Oxford Centre, Saks and Macy's. This incentive, combined with the price of gas exceeding \$3 per gallon is credited for the increase in registrations.

“Sharing the ride to work can save commuters money, and now with the PDP's incentive, commuters also have a chance to win,” said Lisa Kay Schweyer, Program Director for the CommuteInfo program.

“Mary M.” from Weirton, WV, a CommuteInfo program participant and one of the winners of the recruitment incentive, said: “I registered for the CommuteInfo program to try and save money on gas. My company does have car-pooling information and

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connects people for car pooling, but there weren't any matches for me [at this time]. That's when I signed up on the CommuteInfo.org website. Each day I travel approximately 25 miles from my home in Weirton to the Robinson area. This is 50 miles round trip and typically takes about 30-35 minutes one way. I would just want other commuters to know that it was very easy to sign up and use the CommuteInfo.org website!"

CommuteInfo is a program of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, coordinated in partnership with transportation management associations, transportation providers, businesses and non-profit service organizations throughout Southwestern PA. The CommuteInfo program is designed to serve commuters and employers as a clearinghouse for information about transit, carpooling, and vanpooling. The program serves employers and commuters in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

For more information about CommuteInfo and commuter alternatives, please visit www.commuteinfo.org, or call toll free **1-888-819-6110**.

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