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CommuteInfo Hosting Employer Meeting October 6, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

PITTSBURGH, PA — The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is encouraging employers in Southwestern Pennsylvania to learn more about commuting alternatives and the federal commuter choice transportation fringe benefit available to employees in our region. SPC will be hosting a free informational Employer Meeting on October 6 to provide employers with information and technical support.

The meeting, which will be held from 8 AM – 10 AM at the SPC Conference Center at Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, will include information about the federal commuter choice transportation fringe benefit, and perspectives from employers Bank of New York Mellon, and Allegheny County.

In addition, representatives from CommuteInfo, ZipCar, Port Authority of Allegheny County, Healthy Ride/Pittsburgh Bike Share, Sustainable Pittsburgh, and Allegheny County will provide an overview of their services, and how they can support employers' efforts.

Over 75% of the workers in the SPC region drive alone to work. If fewer commuters drove alone, there would be less traffic congestion and the air would be cleaner. And commuters could save money. Alternatives to driving alone, like vanpooling, carpooling, using public transit or biking to work, are just a few of the ways to lower the cost of commuting.

For more information about the Employer Meeting or to register, call toll-free **1-888-819-6110** or visit www.CommuteInfo.org.

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The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is the region's forum for collaboration, planning and public decision-making. As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the ten-county region including the City of Pittsburgh and the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland, SPC is responsible for planning and prioritizing the use of all state and federal transportation funds allocated to the region. As the Local Development District (LDD) and Economic Development District for Southwestern Pennsylvania (as designated by the U.S. Appalachian Regional Commission and the U.S. Department of Commerce), SPC establishes regional economic development priorities and provides a wide range of public services to the region.

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