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May is CommuteInfosm Commute Options Awareness Month

PITTSBURGH— The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) wants all commuters to be aware of the commuting options available in Southwestern Pennsylvania by proclaiming May to be **CommuteInfosm Commute Options Awareness Month**.

“Ridesharing is an excellent alternative to driving alone,” said Jim Hassinger, SPC Executive Director. “*CommuteInfosm Commute Options Awareness Month* is a great time for commuters to learn more about not only ridesharing, but also transit, walking and biking—all the options available for today’s commuters.”

As gas prices steadily increase, many of us are looking for ways to save some money. Every day, approximately 78% of the region’s commuters drive alone to work. And, about 60% of the region’s workers travel outside of their resident municipality to their job. That can add up to lots of money spent on gas. Alternatives to driving alone, like carpooling, using public transit or biking to work, are just a few ways to lower your bill at the gas pump.

CommuteInfosm is a program of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, operated in partnership with transportation management associations, transportation providers, businesses and non-profit service organizations throughout Southwestern PA. The CommuteInfosm 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 CommuteInfosm and commuter alternatives, please visit www.commuteinfo.org, or call toll free **1-888-819-6110**.

May also includes National Transportation Week, National Bike to Work Day, National Employee Health and Fitness Day, National Try Transit Week, and National Clean Air Week.

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