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Millions of Americans Are Saving Money by Taking Public Transportation
*More than 125 Public Transportation Systems are Participating in
The Sixth Annual National Dump the Pump Day*

In all corners of the United States, from Los Angeles to Seattle to Boston and southern Florida, to Dallas, Phoenix, Chicago, Cincinnati and Nashville, including Honolulu and Anchorage, millions of Americans riding on more than 125 public transportation systems are “dumping the pump” today for the sixth annual National Dump the Pump Day. Sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), in partnership with the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), this national public awareness day encourages people to save money by parking the car and using public transportation instead.

“It’s no surprise that this year’s National Dump the Pump Day is a huge success,” said APTA President William Millar. “Using public transportation is the quickest way to beat high gas prices – if it is available in your community. Additionally, riding public transportation on National Dump the Pump Day helps the environment and reduces our country’s dependence on oil.”

With high gas prices, more and more people are turning to public transportation as a way of saving money. Transportation ridership is increasing around the country, from Chicago, IL, where the Chicago Transit Authority added more than 300,000 riders in the first quarter of the year – enough to fill Wrigley Field more than six times over – to Olympia, WA, where Intercity Transit has witnessed record level fixed-route ridership in 3 of the first 5 months of the year. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (Boston, MA) saw the highest monthly ridership in April since September 2008 and the Nashville MTA (Nashville, TN) saw a 29% increase in train and bus routes in April. **Examples of double digit increases in ridership in May are also evident in places like Triangle Transit (Research Triangle Park, NC) which had a 31.7% increase in ridership;** Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (Tampa, FL) with a 16% increase; City Utilities of Springfield (Springfield, MO) with a 13% increase; and Muncie Indiana Transit Systems (Muncie, IN) saw a 11.1% ridership increase.

“When gas prices are high, people look for ways to save money and so it is not surprising to see ridership increases at public transit systems across the country,” said Millar. “This shows that people want public transportation as a travel option besides driving.”

Pointing out that only 54% of households in the United States have access to public transportation, Millar said, “All levels of government – federal, state and local – need to invest more in public transportation so that all Americans have access to public transit services.”

Some public transportation systems are offering free rides, holding contests, and providing giveaways to reward their riders and to interest new riders. Below is a list of public transportation systems and public transportation associations that are participating in National Dump the Pump Day:

Albany, NY – Capital District Transportation Authority
Albuquerque, NM - Rio Metro Regional Transit District
Alexandria, VA – Alexandria Transit (DASH)
Anchorage, AK – Anchorage Public Transit
Ann Arbor, MI - Ann Arbor Transportation Authority
Arlington Heights, IL – Pace Suburban Bus
Atlanta, GA - Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority
Austin, TX - Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Bastavia, OH - Clermont Transportation Connection
Bonner Springs, KS – Tiblow Transit
Boston, MA- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
Bremerton, WA – Kitsap Transit
Butler, PA – Butler Transit Authority
Charleston, SC – Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority
Chattanooga, TN – Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority
Chicago, IL – Regional Transportation Authority
Chicago, IL – Chicago Transit Authority
Cincinnati, OH – Cincinnati Metro
Clarksburg, WV – Mountain Line Transit
Cleveland, OH – Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
Columbus, OH - Central Ohio Transit Authority
Concord, CA - Central Contra Costa Transit Authority
Corpus Christi, TX - The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority
Dallas, TX- Dallas Area Rapid Transit
Dayton, OH – Greater Dayton RTA
Denver, CO – Regional Transportation District
Des Moines, IA - Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority
Durham, NC – Durham Area Transit Authority
Eden Prairie, MN – SouthWest Transit
Elkton, MD – Cecil Transit
Ellicott City, MD – Transportation Association of Maryland
Enid, OK – Enid Public Transit Authority
Everett, WA – Community Transit
Everett, WA – Everett Transit

Flagstaff, AZ – Flagstaff Public Transit
Flint, MI – Mass Transportation Authority
Fort Meyers, FL – Fort Meyers Public Transit
Forth Worth, TX – Forth Worth Transportation Authority (The T)
Franklin, TN – Franklin Transit
Gilbert, AZ – Arizona Transit Association
Grand Rapids, MI – The Rapid
Greensboro, NC – Greensboro Transit Authority
Greensboro, NC - Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation
Harrisburg, PA – Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association
Hazelton, PA – Hazelton Public Transit
Holland, MI – Macatawa Area Express
Honolulu, HI – The Bus
Houston, TX - Metropolitan Transit Authority
Huron, MI – Blue Water Area Transit
Indianapolis, IN – IndyGo
Ithaca, NY – Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc.
Jacksonville, FL – Jacksonville Transportation Authority
Johnstown, PA - Cambria County Transit Authority (CAMTRAN)
Kansas City, MO – Kansas City Area Transportation Authority
Kingman, AZ – Kingman Area Regional Transit
Kingston, PA - Luzerne County Transportation Authority
Kittanning, PA – Town and Country Transit
Lafayette, IN – CityBus
Lancaster, PA – Red Rose Transit Authority
Las Vegas, NV – Regional Transportation Commission
Lexington, KY - Transit Authority of Lexington (LexTran)
Lincoln, NE – Star Tran
Los Angeles, CA - Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Louisville, KY – Transit Authority of River City
Lubbock, TX – Lubbock Transit Authority
Mason City, IA – Mason City Transit System
Milton, FL – Santa Rosa Transit
Milwaukee, WI - Milwaukee County Transit System
Minneapolis, MN – Metro Transit
Mobile, AL – Escambia County Area Transit
Modesto, CA – Modesto Area Express
Monterey, CA – Monterey-Salinas Transit
Morgantown, WV – Mountain Line Transit Authority
Muncie, IN – Muncie Indiana Transit System

Myrtle Beach, SC - Waccamaw Regional Transportation Authority
Nantucket, MA - Nantucket Regional Transit Authority
Nashville, TN - Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority
New Orleans, LA - New Orleans Regional Transit Authority
Normal, IL - Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System
Norman, OK - Cleveland Area Rapid Transit (CART)
Olympia, WA – Intercity Transit
Olympia, WA – Washington State Ferries
Orange, CA – Orange County Transportation Authority
Orlando, FL – LYNX
Oxnard, CA – Gold Coast Transit
Painesville, OH – Laketran
Palm Beach, FL – PalmTran
Panama City, FL - Bay Town Trolley
Pensacola, FL - Escambia County Area Transit
Peoria, IL - Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (CityLink)
Phoenix, AZ – Valley Metro
Pompano Beach, FL – Broward County Transit Division
Pompano Beach, FL – South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Portland, OR – Oregon Transit Association
Providence, RI – Rhode Island Public Transit Authority
Reading, PA - Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority
Research Triangle, NC – Triangle Transit
Rio Vista, CA - Delta Breeze Transit
Riverside, CA – Riverside Transit Agency
Rutland, VT – Marble Valley Regional Transit District
Saint Claire, PA - Schuylkill Transportation System
Saint Louis, MO – St. Louis Metro
Salisbury, MD – Shore Transit
Salt Lake City, UT – Utah Transit Authority
San Antonio, TX – VIA Metropolitan Transit
San Bernardino, CA – Omnitrans
San Carlos, CA - San Mateo County Transit District
San Diego, CA – Metropolitan Transit System
San Francisco, CA – San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
Sandusky, OH – Sandusky Transit
San Jose, CA - Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
Santa Barbara, CA – Santa Barbara MTD
Santa Fe, NM - North Central Regional Transit District
Savannah, GA – Chatham Area Transit Authority

Scranton, PA - County of Lackawanna Transit System
Seattle, WA – King County Metro
Seattle, WA – Sound Transit
Sherman, TX – Taps Public Transit
Sierra Vista, AZ – Vista Transit
South Bend, IN - Transpo
Springfield, MO – City Utilities of Springfield, MO
State College, PA - Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA)
Tacoma, WA – Pierce Transit
Tallahassee, FL – StarMetro
Tampa, FL – Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority
Tucson, AZ – Sun Tran
Watertown, NY – CitiBus
Washington, DC – Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
West Covina, CA – Foothill Transit
Yuma, AZ – Yuma County Area Transit

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