



Where CAT goes, community grows

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CAT Connects: Carlisle Chamber Legislative Committee

(Carlisle) - CAT public information staff met with Carlisle Chamber members, including Rep. Steve Bloom and staff from Sen. Vance and Congressman Barletta's offices last week to review the status of the Carlisle Circulator in its first six months of service. "CAT has served 3,400 riders to date on the three current Circulator routes," Bob Philbin, CAT spokesperson said. "Service has been steadily increasing as folks adjust their transit options to include buses." A review of the circulator routes is scheduled for late October.

CAT Planning Department is reviewing route adjustments to include the Cumberland County Public Assistance Office, Project Share food bank, and the U.S. Army War College. "To better connect local employers and Harrisburg employees, we're also looking at coordinated service and shift schedules for the major warehouse employers in the area." he said.

Carlisle Circulator Ridership Update, April 28, 2014 - September 20, 2014

Route	Fare												Total
	Base Fare	Free	Half-Fare	Multi Ride Pass	Sci Tech	Senior	Student ID	Student Fare	Tickets-Passes	Transfer	Zone Fare	Unknown	
Commuter	319	0	4	67	0	32	21	12	21	3	1	0	480
Health & Human Svcs	311	102	68	54	1	726	2	13	18	11	4	7	1317
Retail	354	73	136	11	0	832	100	33	21	16	7	20	1603
Total	984	175	208	132	1	1590	123	58	60	30	12	27	3400

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CAT Kicks-Off: New Service for Shippensburg, Millersburg

(Harrisburg) -- Effective Monday, September 29, CAT is providing extra service in Shippensburg in Cumberland County and Millersburg in north Dauphin County. An evening bus (Route 81 Express) will connect Shippensburg to downtown Harrisburg's Amtrak train station. The evening bus (Route 23) connects Millersburg with additional service to downtown Harrisburg and the Amtrak train station. New schedules are available on the CAT website and at locations throughout the regional service area.



**DESTINATION:
PACKED HOUSE**



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CAT Expands Customer Service Hours

(Harrisburg) - CAT expanded customer service hours on weekdays and Saturdays starting Monday, September 29, 2014. Customers can now contact CAT public information specialists from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Service hours remain the same at CAT's Strawberry Square location. All CAT public information staff have been trained and certified by PennTRAIN in public communications, passenger assistance, stress management, passenger sensitivity and disability awareness. Call 717-238-8304 for answers to your transit needs.

CAT Travel-Trains Life Skills Classes

(Harrisburg) - CAT public information staff will visit students at Cedar Cliff High School in Cumberland County this month to conduct a Travel Training class to teach special needs students how to comfortably and safely access a CAT bus.

CAT Connect: Early October Meeting Calendar

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
9/30/14	Mary C. Schaner Senior Center 98 S. Enola Dr.	12:30am – 1:30pm
10/01/14	Bethany Towers 335 Wesley Dr. Mechanicsburg	1:00pm – 2:30pm
10/02/14	Carlisle College-Community Partners	8:00am – 9:00am
10/08/14	Central Penn College Activities Fair 600 Valley Rd. Summerdale	12:10pm – 1:10pm

CAT Bike & Bus: Continued Ridership Growth

(Harrisburg) -- CAT data indicates bicyclists are a growing segment of the CAT rider mix around the capital region. From May of 2013 to this month, 14,214 bikes rode a CAT bus. About 100 bike riders rode a Carlisle Circulator bus this month. See below the TOP 5 CAT *Bike & Bus* routes. For a video demonstration of "CAT *Bike & Bus*," [click here](#).

CAT TOP FIVE | BIKE & BUS ROUTES

ROUTE	LOCATION	BIKES
Rt. 12	Down town Harrisburg, State Street to Colonial Park, Linglestown	2076
Rt. C	Down town Harrisburg, through West Shore to Carlisle	1785
Rt. 7	Down town Harrisburg, Steelton, Highspire, Middletown, PSU, Harrisburg International Airport	1263
Rt. M	Down town Harrisburg, Lemoyne, Camp Hill, Mechanicsburg	1121
Rt. 8	Down town Harrisburg, Derry St., Harrisburg Mall, Wall Mart, Rutherford Square	912

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CAT Connects: Harrisburg University Summer Transportation Institute

(Harrisburg) -- CAT provided real transit case studies and General Manager Bill Jones spoke to students attending HU's Summer Transportation Institute, at downtown Harrisburg HU campus. The program explored topical issues facing the transportation industry by investigating advanced and emerging science and technologies. Students explored how new fuel sources and engineering materials will impact the design and construction of future transit systems.

Route 17: Approaching 50,000 Riders

(Harrisburg) -- After six months of service to [Hamilton Health Center](#) and other destinations in the City of Harrisburg and Dauphin County, ridership on Route 17 is approaching 50,000 riders. CAT's Planning Department is designing a South Harrisburg route to connect Hall Manor to Hamilton Health Center and other destinations in early 2015. The City is in the process of repaving sections of South 17th Street to accommodate increased bus traffic.

CAT Connects: Fair Grounds for "Fall Carlisle"



Catch a CAT bus to the Fair Grounds for all the fun at "Fall Carlisle".

(Carlisle) - Another not-to-miss Fall event in Cumberland County is the annual [Fall Carlisle](#) collector car swap meet, corral and auction at the Carlisle Fair Grounds, October 1 -5. CAT will operate a special event Fair Grounds Circulator throughout the borough on Thursday and Friday, October 2nd and 3rd. The CAT Circulator will stop at Fair Grounds Gate 1 ten times a day from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. For details, [click here](#) -- skip the traffic and parking and enjoy the ride. Call 717-238-8304 for more information.

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Carlisle Rotary Club to Donate Bus Shelter

(Carlisle) - As a contribution to the Carlisle Circulator program, the Rotary Club of Carlisle will donate and install a bus shelter in front of the Cumberland County Courthouse on S. Hanover Street in the Borough of Carlisle. CAT will soon install two bus shelters adjacent to the Courthouse on East High Street.

CAT FACT: More than 152,000 Senior Riders traveled on a CAT fixed-route bus to date this year, an increase of 8,762 riders (+6.1%) over the same period last year.

Transit Habits: Open to Change After Major Life Events

(CityLab) -- Getting people to change their commute mode is extremely difficult for authorities, companies and cities alike. Decades of transit improvements have made only a tiny dent in car commuting. Beneath it all is the fact that over time a commute choice becomes so habitual that it's not a choice at all, but rather the response to daily cues that occur more or less without any thought. Major turning points in life have been linked to shifts in car ownership and transit, this study found.

For more transit information, visit: www.cattransit.com



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