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THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP TO BE HELD ON JUNE 19
Ride Tri Delta Transit to Save Money and Save The Planet

ANTIOCH, CA, June 5, 2008 – With high gas prices on everyone’s mind, Tri Delta Transit will join with other public transportation systems nationwide to participate in the third annual National Dump the Pump Day on June 19. Sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), the 2008 National Dump the Pump Day is a day that encourages people to ride public transportation to save money, conserve gasoline, and help reduce greenhouse gases. To make it even more enticing, all rides will be free on June 19 in conjunction with the Bay Area Air Quality Management Districts Spare the Air program.

“Using public transportation is the quickest way to beat high gas prices,” said Tri Delta Transit Director of Marketing, Mike Furnary. “If gas prices are too high for you, then “dump the pump” and take a bus or a train on June 19.”

Households with two workers and one car that use public transportation save \$6,200 every year, compared to a household with no access to public transportation.

“Public transportation also has an important role to play in helping to reduce greenhouse gases,” said Furnary. “If you leave your car behind to take public transportation, you will be helping to combat climate change.”

According to a new study prepared by ICF International and titled *Broadening the Connection between Public Transportation and Energy Conservation*, public transportation reduces our nation’s carbon emissions by 37 million metric tons annually – equivalent to the electricity used by 4.9 million households.

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“By participating in the third annual National Dump the Pump Day, we hope people who have never used Tri Delta Transit will decide to give us a try instead of driving their car,” said Furnary. “We will welcome new riders and thank our regular riders as we offer free rides to everyone who boards the bus.”

“With gas prices higher than ever and financial concerns affecting everyone, now is the time to save money and ride public transportation,” said APTA President William W. Millar. “The National Dump the Pump Day on June 19 is an opportunity for people across the country to make a difference in their wallet, as well as in the environment.”

Tri Delta Transit provides over 2,500,000 trips each year to a population of nearly 250,000 residents in the 225 square miles of Eastern Contra Costa County. Tri Delta Transit operates 15 local bus routes Monday – Friday, 3 local bus routes on weekends, express commuter service to Martinez, Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton, door-to-door bus service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, a 49ers luxury shuttle to every home game and numerous free shuttle services for community events.

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