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SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP TO BE HELD ON JUNE 16 *Take Public Transportation to Answer America's Biggest Challenges*

Morgantown, WV - As America's economic challenges continue, Mountain Line Transit announced today that it will join with other public transportation systems nationwide to participate in the sixth annual National Dump the Pump Day on Thursday, June 16. Sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), the 2011 National Dump the Pump Day is a day that encourages people to ride public transportation to save money, protect the environment, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and improve our quality of life.

Individuals can achieve an average annual savings of over \$10,000 by taking public transportation instead of driving and by living with one less car. And for every \$1 invested in public transportation infrastructure, \$4 is generated in economic returns to communities.

Public transportation saves 900,000 automobile fill-ups each day – 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline per year. And switching to public transportation can reduce individual carbon emissions by 20 pounds per day or 4,800 pounds per year.

"By participating in Dump the Pump Day, we hope people who have never used Mountain Line will decide to give us a try instead of driving their car," said David Bruffy, General Manager of Mountain Line Transit.

Dump The Pump coupons valid for a free ride on Dump The Pump Day are available at www.busrside.org, and at the depot.

Dump The Pump is a program in support of The Year of Active Transport in Morgantown, a program encouraging residents to walk, bike, bus or PRT in order to live a healthier lifestyle and make Morgantown a healthier place to live.

Thank You

