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## Commute Solutions Coalition Thanks Commuters

**AUSTIN, Texas, September 26, 2006** – The Commute Solutions Coalition of Central Texas has wrapped up its annual Commuter Challenge. The purpose of the Commuter Challenge is to promote using Commute Solutions (alternatives to driving single occupant vehicles) on the daily commute to and from work, during lunch, and/or on business-related meeting commutes. This year over 300 Central Texans took the Challenge and tried an alternative to their usual solo drives to work. They rode the bus, carpooled, vanpooled, walked, biked, and teleworked. Their alternative commutes resulted in a savings of 24,000 miles and over 1,000 gallons of gas.

Employer Awards for employers who have the highest number of employees participating in the Challenge are also given. The employer categories are as follows:

- Government Employer/Agency with the highest number of participating employees
- Business Employer with the highest number of participating employees

This year the Government Employer/Agency winner was the University of Texas. The Business Employer winner was Whole Foods. The CAMPO Transportation Policy Board will present the Employer Awards at their October 13, 2008 Board meeting.

The Commute Solutions Coalition works throughout the year to encourage drivers to try alternatives to the typical solo drive to work. With gasoline prices approaching \$4.00 per gallon, leaving the car at home and sharing a ride has never looked better!

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