

# **13th Annual National Dump the Pump Day to be Held on June 21 – “Dump the Pump! Ride DART.”**

National Dump the Pump Day is a day to highlight the many benefits of using public transportation. Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) announced today that it will join other public transit agencies nationwide participating in the 13th annual Dump the Pump Day on Thursday, June 21, to encourage the use for public transit. From urban to suburban to rural communities, public transportation is a vital resource to Americans. In fact, public transportation helps to make a community economically viable.

Started in June 2006, when gas prices were \$3 per gallon, this day emphasizes that public transportation is a convenient travel option that also helps people save money. According to the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) May Transit Savings Report, individuals in a two-person household can save an average of more than \$10,134 annually by downsizing to one car.

Public transportation is the cornerstone of local economies in urban, suburban and rural communities. In fact, every \$1 invested in public transportation generates approximately \$4 in economic returns, powering community growth and revitalization. Additionally, public transportation offers job access to millions of Americans; since 87 percent of public transit trips directly impact the economy.

Last, but not least, public transportation has a proven track record of reducing our nation's dependence on foreign oil by 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline a year, and it also saves 37

million metric tons of carbon emissions annually. “DART is increasing its use of alternative fuels through our paratransit propane bus program and is purchasing zero-emission electric buses to save fuel costs, reduce harmful emissions and improve public health and our environment,” said **John T. Sisson, Chief Executive Officer of DTC.**

**WHAT: 13th Annual National Dump the Pump Day**

**WHERE: Delaware Transit Corporation – RIDESHARE  
Delaware and transit agencies nationwide**

**WHEN: Thursday, June 21, 2018**

So, DTC encourages Delawareans to join millions of others across the country, as they save money by riding public transportation during National Dump the Pump Day on Thursday, June 21. Or if you are a frequent rider, take a friend along and remind them that using DART can save you big bucks if you “Dump the Pump” during your daily commute. DART...Ride More. Save More. Do More.

The Delaware Transit Corporation, a subsidiary of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), operates DART First State. **Real-Time Transit Information is available on the free DelDOT App (iOS and Android), as well as on DART’s Trip Planner at [DartFirstState.com](http://DartFirstState.com).** For more information, please call 1-800-652-DART.