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Montgomery County Wins Diamond Award for Providing Commuting Alternatives

Norristown, PA (Sept. 20, 2017) – Montgomery County was honored with the highest level sustainability award for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) for its work providing commuting alternatives to those who live and work in the county. The award was given by the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association.

“This award recognizes the teamwork and creative thinking of our staff. It represents the diligent efforts they made in the past, the ongoing push to make our communities connected and sustainable, and the bright future for those who live and work in Montgomery County,” said Dr. Val Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners.

Montgomery County Planning Commission staff reviewed the award requirements in 2016 and saw that the county was already on pace to meet some of them, such as investing directly in transit and incorporating transportation management into short-term and long-term plans for the county, as outlined in the Montco 2040 Comprehensive Plan. County staff pulled together to meet the remaining requirements, such as making concerted efforts to have employees become more aware of commuting alternatives.

“Congratulations to Montgomery County on their leadership as a Diamond level TDM recipient. Montgomery County continues to be a leader in caring how employees and residents move throughout the county. The leadership from the commissioners to our friends at the planning commission are what make the county a Diamond level recipient which is the highest recognition we have,” said Rob Henry, GVF Executive Director.

Dr. Val Arkoosh, Chair, and Ken Lawrence Jr., Vice Chair, of the Montgomery County Commissioners, were on hand to accept the award, along Montgomery County Planning Commission staff members Matt Edmond, Transportation Section Chief and Jon Leshner, Principal Environmental Planner. Staff from the Planning Commission, as well as the departments of Human Resources and Assets and Infrastructure, collaborated to achieve the Diamond level award.

“This award is a chance to showcase that Montgomery County has been working successfully for years to create sustainable connected communities for our residents,” said Ken Lawrence, Jr., Vice Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners. “The work doesn’t begin or end with recognition, however; it is an ongoing effort that will benefit residents for generations.”

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MontCo Photo (L to R): Executive Director of Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association Rob Henry, Montgomery Planning Commission Transportation Section Chief Matt Edmond, Montgomery County Planning Commission Principal Environmental Planner Jon Leshner, Action News Reporter and master of ceremonies for the awards Tamala Edwards, Montgomery County Commissioner Chair Dr. Val Arkoosh, Vice Chair Ken Lawrence Jr. with the county’s Diamond TDM Award.