



# TRANSIT NEWS

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## **SECOND ANNUAL DUMP THE PUMP TO BE HELD ON JUNE 21** *Transit Plays Key Role in Helping the Environment and Conserving Gasoline*

With rising gas prices on everyone's mind, Space Coast Area Transit announced today that it will join with other public transportation systems nationwide to participate in the Second Annual National Dump the Pump Day on June 21st. Sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association, the 2007 National Dump the Pump Day is a day that encourages people to ride public transportation to help improve the environment and to conserve gasoline. In addition to the cost savings, public transportation produces nearly 50 percent less carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide per passenger mile than private vehicles. Earlier this year, a global professional services firm, ICF International, published a report entitled "Public Transportation and Petroleum Savings in the U.S.: Reducing Dependence on Oil," which stated that U.S. public transportation systems save 1.4 billion gallons of gasoline annually, the equivalent of 108 million cars filling up in one year.

"Public transportation plays a vital role in improving our environment," said Jim Liesenfelt, Director of Space Coast Area Transit. "On June 21st, people can make a difference by riding public transportation or carpooling and encouraging their friends and family to do so, too. Participation in National Dump the Pump Day means we will continue reaching out to new riders as well as thanking our current riders. Space Coast Area Transit's new evening and Saturday service has opened up a whole segment of the population who were unable to use transit previously because it didn't operate late enough in the evenings. It's been exciting to see the increase in ridership since we added additional service," said Liesenfelt.

For route maps and schedules, or to use Space Coast Area Transit's new trip planner and receive directions from your front door, to the closest bus stop, to your destination and home again, log on to [RideSCAT.com](http://RideSCAT.com). For personalized assistance, contact a customer service representative at 633-1878.

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