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FYI

ACCESS TO “GOOD JOBS” PROMOTES WAGE GROWTH – 10/09/03

Increasing access to employment at larger, high-wage firms can raise earnings prospects for low-wage workers, a new study by Fredrik Andersson, Harry J. Holzer, and Julia I. Lane shows. In particular, low earners who change jobs—and those who use temp agencies to find employment—experience greater earnings growth than those who stay at the same firm, offering a model for non-profits and others for placing low-wage workers into “good jobs.”

<http://www.brookings.edu/urban>

TRANSIT AGENCIES GET STATE CASH –This week Governor Rendell released \$125 million in capital budget funding to help finance improvements for 24 bus agencies and the Keystone Rail Corridor. Rendell said the state dollars would provide the required match for federal funds, enabling Pennsylvania's public transportation systems to obtain nearly \$233 million in federal transit assistance.

Regional grant recipients:

- Amtrak, \$3 million for passenger-rail service between Harrisburg, Lancaster and Philadelphia
- Capital Area Transit, serving Harrisburg and Cumberland and Dauphin counties, \$1.2 million
- Capitol Bus Co. Inc., serving Harrisburg, Hershey and Lebanon, \$15,000
- Chambersburg Transit Authority, serving Chambersburg, \$70,000
- Red Rose Transit Authority, serving Lancaster city and county, \$1 million

MISSING THE BUS: HOW STATES FAIL TO CONNECT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH PUBLIC TRANSIT - by: Good Jobs First - A 50-

state survey of economic development subsidy programs -- such as loans, grants, and tax incentives -- reveals that not one single state effectively coordinates its economic development spending with public transportation planning. That is, according to the state officials who administer them, no state has a policy or even a small cluster of subsidies that either requires or encourages companies that receive subsidies in urban areas to locate the projects at locations accessible by public transportation. [Read the report.](#)

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED REGIONS - Successful technology development in smaller regions requires a rich and varied mix of strategies, building upon existing industries and assets.

This study, co-published with CEOs for Cities and authored by Paul Sommers and Deena Heg, examines five metro areas in Washington state, focusing on telecommunications infrastructure, startup capital programs, and research institutions and their roles in fostering technology development away from major technology centers. <http://www.brookings.edu/urban>

**Wednesday, October 22, 2003
Regional Preparedness**

Symposium: Health and Human Services Response – Sponsored by the South Central Assembly for Effective Governance – A regional symposium bringing together the eight counties’ leaders in government, emergency planning, health and human service delivery – on improved integration of health and human services in disaster remediation planning. [For more information.](#)

Friday, October 24, 2003

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. –

Public Workshop Notice – To discuss A Vision for the Stadium District in Lancaster City. Meeting to be held at the James Street Mennonite Church - 323 West James Street. For more information please contact Lisa Riggs 394-0783.

Interesting websites:

LANCASTER SQUARE MASTER PLAN - the City of Lancaster retained Hunter Interests, Inc. to develop a plan for the revitalization of the second block of North Queen Street. The result of this work is the [Lancaster Square Master Plan.](#)

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