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Middlesex 3 Area Employers Honored for their Commuter Programs

Bedford, Massachusetts – April 20, 2016- Two area employers recently received Excellence in Commuter Options (ECO) Awards at a ceremony at Fenway Park. The MITRE Corporation and National Development were both recognized for their efforts to reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions by offering Commuter Options Programs to their employees and tenants. By encouraging employees to utilize sustainable transportation options like public transit, bicycling, walking or ridesharing (carpools and vanpools) these companies are playing a vital role in influencing transportation choices that impact communities as well as the local economy.

The 6th annual Excellence in Commuter Options (ECO) Awards were sponsored by [MassCommute](#), the Massachusetts Coalition of Transportation Management Associations, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), and [MassRIDES](#), the statewide travel options program. This year's ECO Awards Ceremony was presented with sponsorships from Eastern Bank, vRide, Taza Chocolates, NuRide, AECOM, Lyft, Ride, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Ride Systems, TransAction Associates, 128 Business Council, and the Charles River Transportation Management Association. The event was a celebration of the exemplary contributions employers have made toward encouraging and supporting employees who use green, sustainable and healthy transportation options in the Commonwealth. Over 200 businesses from across the state were recognized for their efforts.

"We are proud to be partnering with MITRE, National Development and all of our transportation partners who recognize the importance of providing transportation options for employees and business development along the Route 3 corridor. Companies that have invested in transportation management associations (TMAs) are making significant contributions to improve traffic, air quality, and overall employee health and satisfaction" said Stephanie Cronin, Executive Director of the Middlesex 3 Coalition and the Middlesex 3 TMA.

The Middlesex 3 TMA (www.middlesex3tma.com) is part of the Middlesex 3 Coalition and is a public-private partnership that



has been formed to address transportation issues in the region. The community and business partners share common goals of fostering economic development, job growth and retention and enhancement of quality of life in the region.

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