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Commute to Work Another Way Week Event in Machias

Machias – April 22, 2010 – Machias Savings Bank and the Washington County Council of Governments are teaming up to celebrate Commute Another Week with a special event on Thursday, May 20, 2010. Commute Another Way Week is an annual event that promotes the use of carpools, vanpools, public transit, bicycling and walking as cost-effective, healthy and enjoyable alternatives to driving alone to work.

Local residents who “commute another way” on Thursday, May 20 are invited to stop in the Community Room at Machias Saving Bank on between 7:30 and 9:00 for coffee and a chance to win door prizes. Jeremy Gabrielson, WCCOG, will be on hand with information about efforts to promote greater commuting options in Washington County.

“It’s not just about walk and biking,” says Gabrielson. “According to the Census, 12% of Washington County residents uses carpools or vanpools. And working from home – even on an occasional basis – is more becoming more common for an increasing number of workers.”

“A few years ago, the Washington County: One Community survey found that transportation costs limit access to jobs and services for Washington County residents earning as much as \$75,000,” says Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager and One Community board member. “Since then, we’ve been working to enhance commuting options in Washington County.”

“The event on May 20 is a great way for people who may not otherwise thinking about carpooling, walking or biking to work to give it a try and see if it works for them,” says Fitzgerald.

WCCOG is featuring stories of local residents who “commute another way” on their website at www.wccog.net/commute. There you can also register you commuting plans for Commute Another Way Week and find links a listings of statewide events. Commute Another Way Week is coordinated by GoMaine! and the Maine Department of Transportation. Events are scheduled to occur statewide from Monday May 17 to Friday, May 21. For more information or to enter the drawing for a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, visit www.commuteanotherwayweek.org.

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