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Transportation is first subject of summit series on ‘The State of Western Chester County Region’

Meeting takes place on March 14

EXTON _ The first of a series of summit meetings on “The State of Western Chester County Region” will address transportation issues.

The series of interactive sessions with industry experts will focus on key issues. The series is being sponsored by the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce and the Chester County Economic Development Council.

Speakers will include Donald Shanis of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Lester Toasco of PennDOT, Joseph Casey, SEPTA General Manager, Brian Gearhart of PennDOT and Richard Esposito of Amtrak. Mike Herron, executive director of the Transportation Management Association of Chester County will be the moderator.

The event takes place on Friday, March 14, 2008, at the Brandywine School of Nursing auditorium on the Brandywine Hospital campus, 215 Reeceville Road, Coatesville. The session begins with registration at 7:30 a.m. and concludes at 10:30 a.m. Seating is limited and reservations must be made at info@westernchestercounty.com. The cost is \$15 for members of the Economic Development Council or the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce. For non-members the cost is \$25.

Watch for more information on two additional upcoming summit meetings in this series. A session being planned for May 9, 2008 will focus on Infrastructure and a session being planned for September 19, 2008 will focus on Economic Development.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 40 years. The Council’s portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its brand new facility in Eaglevew. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com.

The Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1917 and serves 20 municipal areas in the county’s dynamic and growing western region. It is the oldest business

chamber in Chester County and serves its members by creating the environment to grow by maximizing resources, staging events and connecting ideas. www.WesternChesterCounty.com.