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**TRANSITCENTER, INC.'S LARRY FILLER TO BE HONORED BY
NYU WAGNER RUDIN CENTER AND THE COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION**

*Filler, a Pre-Eminent Authority on Tax-Free Commuter Benefits, will Receive the
2007 Civic Leadership Award, Part of the Annual Leadership Awards in Transportation*

New York, December 12, 2006 – TransitCenter, Inc., the nation’s leading provider of tax-free commuter benefits, transit information and assistance, today announced that its president and CEO, Larry Filler, will be honored by New York University’s Wagner Rudin Center for Transportation Policy & Management and The Council on Transportation as part of the Annual Leadership Awards in Transportation, which recognize the outstanding work of individuals and agencies devoted to advancing the New York region's transportation system. Filler will receive the 2007 Civic Leadership Award at a reception on Feb. 15 at New York University.

For more than 30 years, Filler has worked to bridge the economic realities of mass transit with the needs of employers and commuters. Under his leadership, TransitCenter, initially an interagency partnership within the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, introduced TransitChek[®], the nation’s first commuter benefits program, in 1987 to engage employers in encouraging more people to use mass transit to reduce traffic congestion and protect the environment. An independent nonprofit corporation since 2001, TransitCenter today offers its TransitChek program to more than 11,000 employers and 500,000 employees nationwide.

Part of Filler’s efforts to help alleviate traffic congestion was his idea to use federal tax law to provide a financial incentive for commuters to use mass transit. He has been an advocate for the continued evolution of commuter benefits, including the creation of IRS Code section 132(f) and other milestones that have resulted in greater access and savings for employers and commuters.

“It is a great honor to be recognized by my peers for TransitCenter’s efforts to move more people towards transit,” Filler said. “The many public agencies that were first involved in making

TransitCenter possible deserve thanks today for their continued drive and innovation which is inspiring more and more commuters to rely on transit every day.”

Before founding TransitCenter under the auspices of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Filler made significant contributions to transportation in the New York metropolitan area. Serving as deputy attorney general of New Jersey from 1975 to 1979, he helped write the federal law providing the legal basis for states to take over bankrupt commuter rail systems. Then, as assistant director and then director of the Office of Policy Analysis for the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Filler contributed to the creation of New Jersey Transit. Later, he assisted in the creation of Metro-North Railroad by transferring the operation of passenger rail service from the Conrail system to the New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Filler then led the policy office for the new Metro-North Railroad starting in 1982.

Filler holds a bachelor of science degree from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, a master of science from the University of Chicago, and a juris doctor from Rutgers University School of Law.

About Tax-Free Commuter Benefits

Since 1993, employers have been able to offer employees a tax-free benefit for commuting by transit and eligible vanpools or to pay for commuter parking under IRS tax code section 132(f). Tax-free commuter benefits can be structured as an employee-funded pre-tax payroll deduction; as an employer-funded benefit; or the costs can be shared by employer and employee. Starting in 2007, the IRS has increased the maximum allowable monthly tax-free amount to pay for transit to \$110, and for commuter parking to \$215. The benefit can be delivered in the form of transit provider-specific passes, universally accepted vouchers and terminal-restricted debit cards, or through a reimbursement model under specific conditions defined by the IRS.

About TransitCenter

A nonprofit corporation, TransitCenter specializes in tax-free commuter benefits, transit information and assistance for employers and commuters nationwide. TransitCenter introduced the nation’s first tax-free commuter benefits program in 1987 to encourage more people to use mass transit to protect the environment, preserve natural resources and improve the quality of life where people work and live. Today, more than 11,000 employers and 500,000 employees participate in TransitCenter’s TransitChek commuter benefits programs as a convenient, money-saving way to pay for commuting.

For 20 years, TransitCenter has worked hand-in-hand with transit providers, communities and employers to make mass transit more accessible. Independent since 2001, TransitCenter was founded in 1986 as a joint alliance of leading public transit providers. A deep heritage in transit drives TransitCenter's continued commitment to bringing new innovations to employers and transit riders that participate in TransitChek tax-free commuter benefits programs. Learn more by visiting www.transitcenter.com.

About NYU Wagner Rudin Center for Transportation Policy & Management

The mission of the NYU Wagner Rudin Center for Transportation Policy & Management is to provide the tools for strengthening institutions and leadership within and across all modes of transportation, and for encouraging innovative thinking, discourse, and action on urban transportation policy, regionally, nationally, and internationally. For more information about the Center, please visit our website at www.wagner.nyu.edu/rudincenter.

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