

REGIONAL RAIL NEWS

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Three More Organizations Endorse Regional Rail

HARRISBURG, Pa. (March 19, 2004) – The Modern Transit Partnership (MTP) today announced that endorsements have been received from the Greater Harrisburg Association of Realtors, Lancaster Campaign and Red Rose Transit Authority for the CORRIDOR^{one} regional rail project.

“We’re very pleased with the number of organizations that continue to embrace this project,” MTP President John Ward said. “Governments and organizations throughout the region have recognized the many benefits of a rail transit system to southcentral Pennsylvania’s future growth and stability.”

To date, 14 governments and organizations have endorsed the regional rail project, including the Greater Harrisburg Association of Realtors, Lancaster Campaign and Red Rose Transit Authority. Others include: Borough of Carlisle; Greater Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce; Office of the Mayor, City of Harrisburg; Harrisburg Area Transportation Study; Health Management Associates Inc.; Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Lancaster County Association of Township Supervisors; Lancaster County Commissioners; Lancaster Downtown Investment District Authority; City of Lebanon; and the Pennsylvania Dutch Convention & Visitors Bureau.



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ADD 1 – Regional Rail Endorsements

In response to the latest endorsements, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry President Thomas Baldrige — whose organization endorsed the *CORRIDORone* initiative last year — expressed his encouragement with the mounting support for regional rail.

“We are pleased to see the growing organizational support for this forward-thinking project,” Baldrige said. “As an early endorser of the concept, it is great to witness the momentum *CORRIDORone* continues to generate.”

CORRIDORone represents the initial leg of a regional rail system in southcentral Pennsylvania, with plans for commuter trains to run between Cumberland County — through Harrisburg — and Lancaster County. The *CORRIDORone* regional rail system will use existing freight and passenger tracks in the area, and passenger trains similar to those used by Amtrak. Service between Harrisburg and Lancaster is slated to begin in mid-2006, with east Mechanicsburg to Harrisburg service to follow in 2007.

The MTP is a non-profit organization that supports and promotes public transportation with the ultimate goal of bringing regional rail to southcentral Pennsylvania. Launched in 1997 by the Capital Area Transit Board of Directors, this partnership is made up of business, community and government leaders who are striving to develop a regional congestion management plan that will meet tomorrow’s transportation and infrastructure needs.

For more information about *CORRIDORone*, visit www.corridorone.info.

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