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MTP Hosts Trip to Washington, DC to Visit Legislative Delegation

Harrisburg, PA (March 5, 2007) On Thursday, March 1, 2007, the Modern Transit Partnership hosted a bus trip to Washington, DC, to visit with the south central Pennsylvania legislative delegation. Organized to emphasize and educate the federal officials on the need for increased and dedicated sources of funding for mass transit in general, and for *CORRIDORone* in particular, the visiting group totaled 28 business leaders, elected officials and various members of the Harrisburg and Lancaster communities.

Gerald Morrison, Chairman of the MTP, expressed pleasure at the regional diversity of the traveling group. "I'm delighted with the individuals who committed their time to joining us for this important visit. It points to the community's desire to see *CORRIDORone* become a reality. We had people from Lancaster, York, Dauphin and Cumberland Counties joining us on this journey. It is heartening to know we have support from across the region for this important endeavor."

John Ward, MTP's President, was pleased with the response from the region's elected officials. "To be able to personally meet with Congressmen Holden and Pitts and Senators

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Specter and Casey, demonstrates that we have their understanding that the transportation issues facing the region are important to us and to them. We have forged the beginning of a solution in the *CORRIDORone* plan."

The morning meeting, scheduled with Congressman Joseph Pitts, and staff members from Congressmen Todd Platts' and Bill Shuster's offices, garnered support for MTP's request for capital funding to complete the design and construction of the first phase of the *CORRIDORone* regional rail system.

The afternoon meeting, held in the Capitol Building with Senator Specter, Senator Casey and Congressman Holden, cemented Senator Specter's and Congressman Holden's prior commitment to support the project, and found a new ally in Senator Casey.

The group from south central Pennsylvania included:

- *Elected officials:* PA House Representative Marsico, Mayor Reed of Harrisburg, Mayor Gray of Lancaster, Mayor Brain and Council President Reighard of Elizabethtown;
- *Business leaders:* Tom Baldrige, President of the Lancaster Chamber; David Greineder, Advocacy Director for the Lancaster Chamber; Dennis Brenckle, President of PNC Bank, Central PA Region; Jamie Brubaker, Vice President of Charter Homes; Jim Shultz, Development Manager of Charter Homes; Bob Dietz, President of Gannett Fleming; Madlyn Hanes, Chancellor of Penn State Harrisburg; Jim Hoffer, Executive Director of Capital Area Transit; Ted Kleisner, President & CEO of Hershey Entertainment and Resorts; Dick Miller, Senior Vice President of Benatec Associates; William Peterson, CEO of Center for Community Building; David Royer, Planner for the Lancaster County Planning Commission; Gerald Morrison, Managing Partner for McNees, Wallace & Nurick

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and chairman of the MTP; Randy King of Triad Strategies; and John Ward, President and Julie Shade, Administrator of the MTP;

- *Members of the community:* Diane and Michael Hetes, Peter Kehler and Susan Mulford with the Community Action Commission.

The MTP is a non-profit organization that serves as the leading advocate, facilitator, promoter and visionary for regional, integrated, multi-modal transit featuring regional rail.

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 in south central Pennsylvania. CAT is the Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg Transit Authority, providing public transportation with 26 bus routes and 17 park-and-ride locations throughout the region. CAT also provides paratransit service to citizens of Dauphin County.

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