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CORRIDORone Project Update

Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services

Funding

- Highmark Blue Shield recently donated \$5,000 to MTP in support of efforts to bring regional rail to the region.
- Correction: The budget breakdown was listed incorrectly in the last update. The correct breakdown of needed funds for the \$80 million project budget for 2005 includes:
 - \$25 million from federal New Starts Program (\$6 million has already been received)
 - \$45.2 million from State Capital Budget
 - \$10 million from the Keystone Corridor Budget
 - \$5 million from Federal, State and local sources for new buses for CAT and Red Rose Transit
 - \$7 million local match from CAT for the value of river bridge

Current Activities

- Gannett Fleming has initiated work to design the Middletown Station. Preparation is underway for the scope of work and fee proposal for preliminary engineering.
- The Preliminary Engineering Report has been sent to the FTA. The report includes drawings, the Geotechnical Report and the Inspection Report for the **CORRIDORone** River Bridge.
- The East Mechanicsburg Station will be re-named as the Hampden/Sporting Hill Station to refer to its location and potential future access from Sporting Hill Road. The station is not located within Mechanicsburg.

Transit-Oriented Development

- MTP continues to collect examples of successful transit-oriented development (TOD) and downtown revitalization studies that calculate tax-generated revenue. John Ward is also meeting with communities along **CORRIDORone** to discuss TOD concepts and to encourage communities to begin planning TOD projects.

Meetings

- John Ward recently met with community leaders in Carlisle and Mechanicsburg, as well as the West Shore Chamber Economic Development Committee to discuss TOD. The presentations were well-received and participants asked insightful questions. The groups were open to exploring TOD in their own communities.
- John Ward scheduled to meet with Lower Allen Township to discuss TOD on May 23.
- MTP continues to meet with elected officials to discuss funding at the federal and state levels.

Business & Partner Relations

Amtrak Discussions

- Amtrak and CAT have been discussing the Access Agreement. Amtrak is reviewing and will provide comments.
- Amtrak has requested indemnification from CAT for operating on their tracks and the required liability insurance is part of the Access Agreement discussions.