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## **CORRIDORone Project Update**

### **Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services**

#### **Funding**

- Federal TEA-21 reauthorization is expected by the end of June. With reauthorization, **CORRIDORone** is expected to receive \$19 million in capital dollars, including funding for the Hampden/Sporting Hill station.
- Operating funding from the state government remains under consideration as the budget process continues.

#### **Current Activities**

- Gannett Fleming prepared and submitted a bus/rail management plan to CAT and MTP for review. The plan details how rail and bus transit will interact and how routes may be modified to work more efficiently when rail becomes available. Revisions are underway.
- The Preliminary Engineering Report is with CAT and MTP for final review.
- Gannett Fleming completed the preliminary construction cost estimate and discussed potential cost saving items with meeting participants.
- Norfolk Southern will provide a Preliminary Engineering Agreement for work on the West Shore for CAT's review. The Agreement will be similar to the Amtrak Access Agreement.
- An engineering firm has been selected to prepare engineering plans for the Norfolk Southern/Lemoyne connection.
- Project planning for redeveloping the Elizabethtown train station is 90 percent complete. Gannett Fleming is currently working with Amtrak to finalize plans for the station platforms. Construction is planned to begin January 2006.

#### **Transit-Oriented Development**

- Gannett Fleming developed a concept TOD station for Hampden/Sporting Hill. The concept was submitted to an appraiser to determine estimated market value on the development.
- Gannett Fleming presented an overview of Transit Revitalization Investment District (TRID) legislation and explained how it can be used in conjunction with TOD. Meeting participants discussed the potential authority to be formed with regional and local focus to possibly implement this TRID.

#### **Meetings**

- John Ward met with Harrisburg Hospital to discuss a possible station and capital contribution for construction. Discussions are continuing.
- Meetings have started with the owners of the property needed for parking at the Lemoyne Station.

#### **Business & Partner Relations**

##### **Amtrak Discussions**

- Amtrak is sending final comments on the Preliminary Engineering Agreement.
- Meetings are scheduled with Amtrak's real estate team to discuss the Access Agreement.
- The Rights of Way Agreement is being drafted and will be submitted to Amtrak for review.