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## **U. S. Senate and House Appropriations Committees Approve Legislation Including \$11 Million to Complete CORRIDORone** *Capital Funding Now Complete for CORRIDORone*

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (July 12, 2007)** – Today, the United States Senate Appropriations Committee approved legislation funding federal transit programs for 2007-08, which includes \$11.2 million for Final Design and Construction of the CORRIDORone regional rail project. This comes one day after the U. S. House Appropriations Committee approved nearly identical legislation containing funding to complete the project. The legislation, which will fund federal, state, and local transportation programs in the federal 2008 fiscal year, must now receive approval from the full Senate and House.

The final financial piece of capital funding for CORRIDORone has been delivered by Senator Arlen Specter with support from Senator Robert Casey, and by Congressman Tim Holden and Congressman Joseph Pitts.

“Our federal legislative delegation has delivered an unprecedented success for our region,” Modern Transit Partnership (MTP) Chairman Gerald Morrison said. “We are extremely grateful to Senator Specter and Senator Casey, and Congressman Holden and Congressman Pitts for their unflinching commitment to this effort, and for working diligently to secure this final funding to assure that CORRIDORone can be developed.”



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MTP President John Ward concurred, “Our legislators witnessed the broad and diverse support of this project, as evidenced by the more than 30 regional private sector leaders and public officials from south central Pennsylvania who advocated for this critically needed final funding allocation during a March 1 visit to Washington, where we briefed our Congressmen and Senators on the importance of securing these appropriations.”

Chairman Morrison expressed optimism about dovetailing this support with that of the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Administration. “With this success in Washington, we are optimistic that the Governor and the General Assembly will look favorably at our project and will work to include funding for CORRIDOR*one* in the Commonwealth’s mass transit formula.”

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. For more information about CORRIDOR*one*, visit [www.corridorone.info](http://www.corridorone.info) and [www.mtptransit.org](http://www.mtptransit.org).

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