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“Railcar of the Future” Pulls Into Harrisburg

Colorado Railcar’s new Diesel Multiple Unit offers viable option for southcentral PA’s regional rail system

HARRISBURG, Pa. (April 15, 2004) – The Modern Transit Partnership (MTP) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation today introduced the “railcar of the future,” an innovative, self-propelled commuter rail passenger car produced by Colorado Railcar Manufacturing LLC, as it made its area debut at the Harrisburg Transportation Center.

The Colorado Railcar’s new Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) visited Harrisburg as part of an East Coast tour to promote the latest in railcar technology. More than 150 business, community and government leaders throughout the region previewed the new DMU and offered feedback as MTP considers the type of train to use for southcentral Pennsylvania’s regional rail system.

“Colorado Railcar’s DMU provides us with a glimpse of what the future of our regional transportation system may look like,” MTP President John Ward said. “We are very impressed with many of the benefits of the DMU, which offers an exciting alternative to locomotive-pulled trains and other self-propelled railcars.”

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ADD 1 – Railcar of the Future Visits Harrisburg

Colorado Railcar's new DMU offers enhanced efficiencies, reduced fuel emissions and lower noise pollution than locomotives currently in operation. For example, the DMU averages two miles per gallon (mpg) when carrying 90 passengers and 1.5 mpg when carrying two additional coaches — or four times better than a standard commuter rail locomotive. The new DMU meets or exceeds 2005 Environmental Protection Agency emissions standards, and uses critical-grade mufflers to quell noise pollution.

In addition, the DMU is powered by twin 600-horsepower Detroit Diesel engines, which provide more power than traditional self-propelled railcars. The 171,000-pound DMU seats 92 passengers and is designed to pull up to three additional coaches.

“The DMU is clean, quiet and efficient, which are all important considerations in our preparations to launch a regional rail system,” Ward said.

CORRIDOR*one* represents the initial leg of a regional rail system in southcentral Pennsylvania, with plans for commuter trains to run among Cumberland County — through Harrisburg — Dauphin County and Lancaster County, with service to the new airport terminal. 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 (CAT) 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 the regional rail project, visit MTP's Web site at www.mtptransit.org or CAT's CORRIDOR*one* Web site at www.corridorone.info. Information about Colorado Railcar can be found at www.coloradorailcar.com.

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