

# REGIONALRAIL NEWS

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## **Corridor Two Feasibility Study Contract Award Announced**

*Harrisburg (June 21, 2007)* – Capital Area Transit announced that a Feasibility Study is set to begin on the first leg of Corridor Two, between Harrisburg, Hershey and Lebanon, with the award of a contract to Gannett Fleming. The study will consider potential transportation alternatives in the corridor connecting the metropolitan areas in Dauphin and Lebanon Counties. Transit alternatives being considered will include rail and bus.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through support of its local legislators, headed by Senator Piccola and Representative Marsico, advocated for the effort and were successful in securing \$200,000 in state funding for the study. Necessary private matching dollars needed to fund the study have been committed from the following businesses in the Hershey region: The Hershey Company, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts, The Hershey Trust, Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Township of Derry Industrial and Commercial Development Authority. During the bidding process, over 20 firms asked for copies of the Request for Proposal; and proposals were received from four nationally recognized engineering firms. The Modern Transit

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Partnership's Technical Committee reviewed the proposals and conducted in-depth interviews with the final candidates; and made a recommendation to CAT's board of directors to accept the proposal presented by Gannett Fleming.

CAT began working in 1991 to investigate regional rail as an option to combat growing highway congestion. MTP has worked in conjunction with CAT to undertake major studies over the past 10 years to evaluate the viability and success of regional rail service. At every step, regional rail has proven to be the best solution for south central Pennsylvania.

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