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New Web Site on Regional Rail Project Launched

 Site provides overview of CORRIDORone; new public information center on project's first phase also unveiled

HARRISBURG — Capital Area Transit (CAT) and the Modern Transit Partnership (MTP) announced today the launch of a new web site on CORRIDORone — the first phase to be developed as part of southcentral Pennsylvania's regional rail system.

The new web site at www.corridorone.info highlights project news and information on CORRIDORone, which will provide daily rail connections linking residential and employment centers as well as key travel destinations in Cumberland, Dauphin and Lancaster counties. The web site also includes a public comment section to allow area residents the opportunity to give feedback on the regional rail project.

Along with the web site, CAT and MTP announced the opening of a new project communication center in which the public can view various project-related maps and studies, learn more about ongoing project activities, and offer feedback. The center is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is located at 207 Senate Ave. (Gannett  East) in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County. For directions to the project communication center, the public can log onto the web site or call (717) 763-7211.



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ADD 1 — CORRIDORONE WEB SITE LAUNCHED

“We encourage the public to visit our web site and our project communication center to learn more about the host of benefits that a regional rail system will offer all of us who live and work in southcentral Pennsylvania,” MTP President John Ward said. “We especially hope that area residents will share their thoughts on the CORRIDORone project by posting a message on the web site or by filling out a comment form located at our information center. Public feedback is critical to the project’s success, and we will be incorporating comments into the preliminary engineering and environmental analysis of CORRIDORone that is currently underway.”

The preliminary engineering and environmental analysis — which will take about 15 months to complete — began in May and represents the final step prior to design and construction of CORRIDORone. Regional rail service between Harrisburg and Lancaster is slated to begin in late 2005, with east Mechanicsburg to Harrisburg service to follow in 2007.

CAT is the Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg Transit Authority, providing public transportation with 28 bus routes and 17 park-and-ride locations throughout the region. CAT also provides paratransit service to citizens of Dauphin County.

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 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.

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