



November/December 2004

CORRIDORone Project Update

Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services

Funding

- In December, U.S. Rep. Tim Holden presented a check to the Modern Transit Partnership (MTP) totaling \$2,768,250 in new federal funds to support the **CORRIDORone** project in 2005. Of this total:
 - \$2 million was allocated in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts capital improvement grants program;
 - \$550,000 was allocated in the Railroad Administration grade-crossing safety program; and
 - \$218,250 was allotted as part of a VA-HUD grant to support administrative operations.
- MTP has capital in the amount of \$61.2 million.

Current Activities

- The preliminary engineering report was completed without the Track and Signal data awaiting Norfolk Southern input.
- The first draft of the environmental assessment was sent to Capital Area Transit (CAT) in December and is expected to be delivered to FTA in early January.
- A cost estimate is currently being updated based on current plans. At this time, the cost is in line with the capital budget.
- Recommendations from the Value Engineering Workshop have been sent to R&H Associates to finalize the report.
- In December, Harrisburg International Airport (HIA) and Amtrak officials executed an agreement to build the HIA station.
- A share-parking ordinance is being discussed with the landowner at the Lemoyne station.

Meetings

- A meeting was held in late October with representatives from CAT, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Cumberland County Commissioners regarding the Lemoyne Connection. All parties agreed that the connection should be grade separated; however, there was disagreement surrounding ownership of the 1.7-mile Shippensburg Secondary right-of-way.
- MTP's John Ward and Gannett Fleming's Earle Hughes met with New Jersey Transit officials in November to discuss Transit-Oriented Development and economic development activities along the River Line. Transit-Oriented Development efforts are now in the planning stages for **CORRIDORone**.

Business & Partner Relations

Amtrak Discussions

- A preliminary engineering agreement is near finalization; however, discussions on Amtrak's request for up-front payments continue.

Norfolk Southern Discussions

- Norfolk Southern officials have stated that as soon as operating subsidies are received, discussions surrounding track and signal topics can resume.