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CORRIDORone Project Update

Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services

Funding

- The 2005 state budget, including \$29.2 million for the **CORRIDORone** project, was approved.
- MTP is working with the state House Transportation Committee for operating subsidies for the first five years **CORRIDORone** will be in operation.
- In September, \$1.9 million in federal funds was released for use toward **CORRIDORone**.

Current Activities

- The Project Management Plan is currently under review by Capital Area Transit (CAT).
- The Property Acquisition Plan is currently being written.
- Geotechnical is working on the design for five stations and a pedestrian bridge and began core drilling for structures.
- CAT is working on Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) requirements to begin the final design phase.
- A Value Engineering Workshop was held in August. Gannett Fleming is reviewing the workshop's recommendations. One recommendation was to keep the Middletown station open. The option was discussed with Amtrak and a tentative agreement reached.
- An updated ridership model is currently being prepared.
- An analysis of repairs to refurbish the Susquehanna River Bridge was completed.
- LTK Engineering Services is currently developing the fare structure options. Fare options are being reviewed and a report is being prepared.
- The first draft of the environmental assessment is near completion and will be sent to CAT and FTA in early November.

Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

- MTP met with township managers from Elizabethtown, Mount Joy and East Hempfield in September. A representative from LCOR Inc. attended to discuss TOD.
- Elizabethtown is moving forward on downtown redevelopment, with interest from private developers. Redevelopment has expanded to include greenways and parks.
- Mount Joy has purchased two properties for additional parking space and begun a plan for their downtown.
- Harrisburg International Airport signed an agreement to locate a station at the airport.

Meetings

- MTP representatives met with the FTA in August to discuss the projected completion of preliminary engineering. FTA was presented with milestones needed to reach completion of the PE phase.
- John Ward presented the **CORRIDORone** project to the Mechanicsburg Chamber in September and received enthusiastic support.
- John Ward made a presentation to the Penn State Hershey Medical Center board of directors who approved a resolution to support the project.

Business & Partner Relations

Amtrak Discussions

- Amtrak met with CAT to finalize the preliminary engineering agreement.

Norfolk Southern Discussions

- Guidelines for Transfer of Right-of-Way are being finalized and will be sent to Norfolk Southern (NS).
- The Lemoyne Connection is under discussion with PennDOT acting as facilitator. NS has tentatively agreed to a grade-separated crossing.