



## **CORRIDORone Project Update**

### **Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services**

January / February 2004

#### **Project Budget & Schedule**

- Received \$2 million in funding from the federal government.
- Work Breakdown Structure has been completed for the \$1 million initial authorization.
- The remaining funds will focus on the Environmental Services, Amtrak and Norfolk Southern discussions and financial plan development.
- Met with Sen. Specter and Sen. Santorum's project director, along with other legislators and their staffs, in Washington, D.C. The outcome was a letter signed by the legislators urging our inclusion for \$25 million in funds from the reauthorization of TEA-21.

#### **Activities Completed**

##### *Business & Partner Relations*

- Met with Amtrak on February 26, 2004, in Lancaster. The group is close to resolving operations at the Harrisburg and Lancaster stations on the Keystone Corridor. The track layout options have been presented to Amtrak for their review. All CORRIDORone trains will be stored in Harrisburg.
- Meetings have been set with other organizations (SEPTA) to look at the possibility of forming partnerships so that the success of CORRIDORone does not completely rely on one organization.
- An effort to work with developers on Transit Oriented Development (TOD) around stations is beginning. Kirk Stoner, Cumberland County, will provide TOD excerpts and any related information from the Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan and Regional Growth Management Plan.

##### *FTA Discussions*

- Met in Philadelphia on February 17, 2004, to follow-up on discussions.
- Continued discussions of high-level platforms. We need additional investigation to prove to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) waiver for compliance is necessary, along with a request for a waiver from FTA for low-level platforms at the Elizabethtown and Mount Joy stations.

##### *Capital & Operating Costs*

- Continued work on the financial plan for capital and operating and maintenance funds.

##### *Environment*

- Continued preparation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) alternatives analysis chapter.
- Continued preparation of the affected environment portion of the NEPA document.
- Continued preparation of the Section 4(f) Evaluation.
- Continued assessment of impacts to the natural, social and economic environments.
- Noise and vibration report will soon be available.

##### *Public Information*

- The "Rail Car of the Future," designed by Colorado Rail, will be at the Harrisburg Station on April 15 and 16. It is a diesel unit, designed as a commuter train, and has the ability to load at high and low platforms.
- The CORRIDORone Web site, [www.corridorone.info](http://www.corridorone.info), is being updated as necessary with new information.
- Continued to update materials for the communications center.