

Letter for Regional Rail Support

The Modern Transit Partnership, a non-profit organization that supports and promotes public transportation with the ultimate goal of bringing regional rail to southcentral Pennsylvania, is launching a community grassroots campaign for the proposed CORRIDORone regional rail project. To help us gain support among our elected officials, we encourage you to write federal, state and local leaders encouraging them to back regional rail.

Below is a sample letter that you can use – feel free to add your own comments. For your convenience, we have attached a listing of the names and addresses of elected officials representing your community.

With your support, we can continue our momentum of bringing regional rail to our area within two years. Thank you!

Sample Letter

[Date]

[Name]

[Title]

[Address]

Dear :

I urge you to support regional rail and the CORRIDORone project.

Traffic congestion in our area is getting worse by the day. Nowadays, no matter where I travel — be it in Harrisburg, Lancaster, Mechanicsburg, Carlisle, York, Lebanon and points in between — I run into more and more congestion. And everything I read and hear indicates that it is only going to get worse, with traffic expected to double by 2020.

I am all for ideas on how we can reduce traffic choke points and make our roads safer. And I think the CORRIDORone regional rail proposal makes sense, offering a planned solution to the traffic congestion. As for the costs, we can build 41 miles of CORRIDORone for the same price as two-and-a-half miles of highway. That's enough of a reason to do it as far as I'm concerned.

But when you add to the equation a chance to reduce air pollution throughout the region and cut dependence on foreign oil at the same time — not to mention lower car insurance rates — I'm not sure how anyone can be opposed. Frankly, it sounds like a dream come true for those of us who travel regularly throughout our area.

It is my hope that you will do all that you can to ensure that the CORRIDORone regional rail plan becomes a reality in southcentral Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Address]