# Pennsylvania Keystone Corridor

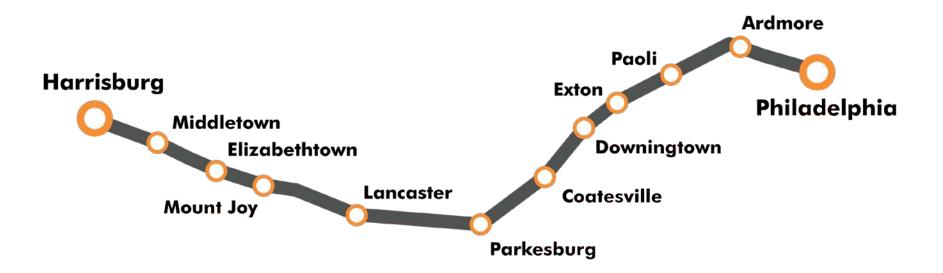
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#### **The Keystone Corridor**



✓ 104 Mile Corridor

✓ 14 daily and 8 weekend trips

- ✓ 12 Stations
- ✓ 1.4 M Passengers

- ✓ On time performance > 90%
- ✓ Top 10 fastest growing corridors



### **Unique Funding Sources**

- Keystone Corridor has dual designations:
  - FTA Commuter Rail Formula Funding (Section 5337)
  - FRA High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail

- Dedicated State Funding
  - o Operating and capital
  - All federal funding programs require local match





#### **Corridor Partners**



- Owns and operates corridor

### > SEPTA

Operates on portion

## Norfolk Southern

Operates on portion

## PennDOT

- Subsidizes operations
- Receives grants for capital improvements







### **Ongoing Investments**

- 2006 Keystone Corridor Improvement Project (KCIP)
  - \$145 million
  - Increased speeds to 110 mph
  - Reduced time from Harrisburg to Philadelphia from 120 minutes to 105 minutes
  - 50% increase in ridership (900,000 to 1.4 million)
- Since 2009, additional improvements to:
  - o Increase ridership
  - o Return infrastructure to a state-of-good repair
  - Improve stations



#### **Station Improvement Challenges**

#### Station maintenance is an ongoing challenge

- Trash and debris removal
- Snow removal
- General cleaning and day-to-day maintenance
- Few stations have dedicated staff
- How do we ensure investments are properly maintained?



#### Public Private Partnership Approach



#### PA Act 88 of 2012

- Authorized public-private partnerships (P3) for transportation projects
- Created a Public-Private Partnership Board that approves all potential P3s
- Allows both solicited and un-solicited proposals





### Why P3?

Leverage existing funding

Minimize O&M risks/costs

 Maximize commercial development opportunity



#### **P3 in Action: Mount Joy Station**

### Partnered with local church

- Church is the owner of parking lot
- Ownership agreement allows for station parking on weekdays and church use on weekends/evenings
- PennDOT made infrastructure improvements

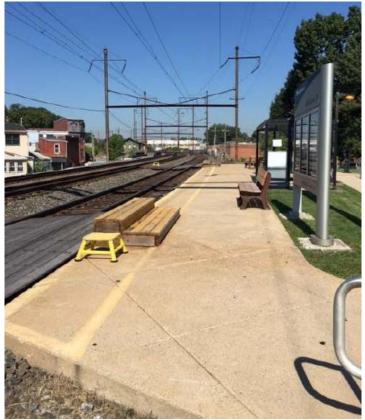
 Maximizes utilization of infrastructure and ongoing maintenance



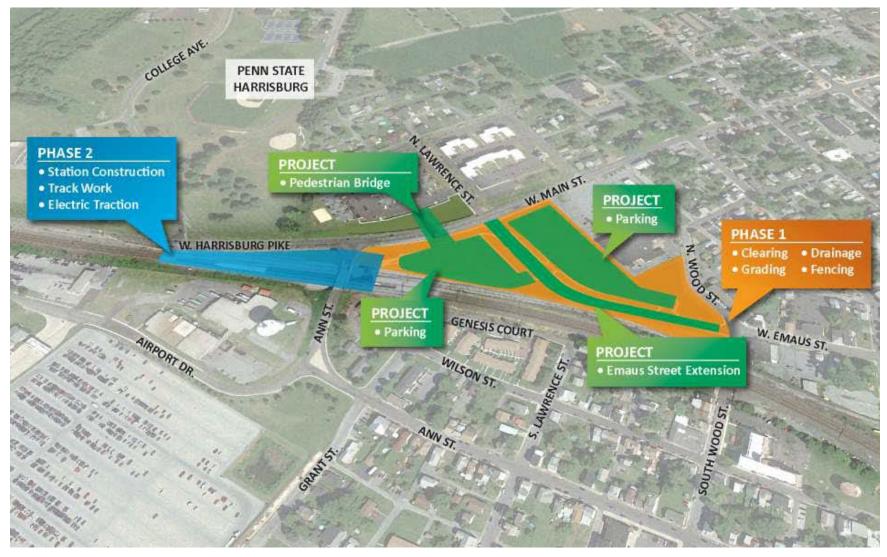




#### Located at Union and Mill Streets Middletown Borough, Dauphin County





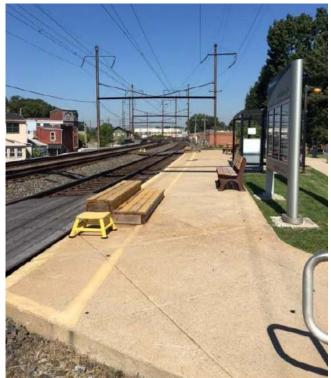




- Project Goals and Objectives
  - Provide a minimum of 400 parking spaces for transportation use
  - Transfer operations and maintenance responsibilities to the Private Sector
  - Maximize TOD Opportunities that promote economic growth



- Develop, design, build, finance, operate and maintain (DBFOM) parking facilities
  - Minimum 400 spaces
- Undertake possible commercial/retail development
- Construct street extension and pedestrian bridge
- Maintain site for at least 30 years





Action	Date
Issue RFQ	September 12, 2016
Industry Forum	September 28, 2016
RFQ Response Due Date	December 16, 2016
Shortlist / Issue Draft RFP	January 2017
Issue Final RFP	Q1 2017
Proposal Due Date	Q2 2017
Select Preferred Proposer	Q3 2017
Commercial Close	Q4 2017



#### **P3 in Action: Harrisburg Station**

- Long-term lease with Amtrak for Harrisburg Train Station
  - PennDOT is making state-of-good repair improvements
- P3 for property management company responsible for real estate leases and operations and maintenance of facility
- Private entity retains revenues
- P3 Documents in Development





#### **Keystone Corridor: Lessons Learned**

- Capital funding for projects is (relatively) easy to obtain
- Long-term operations & maintenance is the most difficult, but the most critical, element to fund
  - Identify dedicated funding source for O&M early on
- Working in partnership with Amtrak is key
  - Not only reviewers, but valuable partners who participate from the beginning
- Proactive capital planning to make sure you are in a position to go after funding when available



### Thank you

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