

# LANCASTER COUNTY

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The Honorable Arlen Specter  
United State Senate  
711 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Specter:

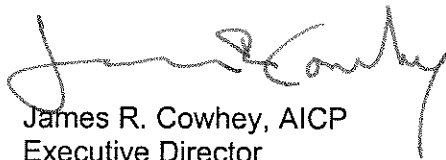
I am writing on behalf of the Lancaster County Planning Commission to express my gratitude for your leadership in delivering \$1.4 million in federal appropriations for the U.S. 30 / Harrisburg Pike Gateway Corridor project.

Much progress has been made in the past year. The Lancaster County MPO, programmed the preliminary engineering phase of the U.S. 30 and Harrisburg Pike projects on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), allowing design to commence with private funds; PennDOT has assigned a Project Manager who is actively directing design review; and the scoping field view was conducted with PennDOT and the Federal Highway Administration on site, setting the limits of the federal improvement.

Significantly, the MPO is leading the Harrisburg Pike Land Use and Transportation Study and its Steering Committee, a broad coalition of municipal officials, private employers and other public entities whose express purpose is to examine the Harrisburg Pike's existing and future congestion, safety and land use issues and agree upon a plan to deliver the strategies necessary to support current and projected growth and economic development along the corridor. Your leadership and support are critical to the success of this effort.

We are committed to continuing to work with public and private entities to deliver the necessary safety, capacity and land use improvements and strategies in the corridor for our residents and visitors to the area. We continue to be grateful for your support of our efforts.

Sincerely,



James R. Cowhey, AICP  
Executive Director

