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MAC Receives \$15,000 Grant from PCCD to Extend Wireless Video Surveillance Security System to Harrisburg's Historic Midtown

First wireless camera to be installed at Forster Street, facing north on Second Street

HARRISBURG, Pa. (August 4, 2017) --- Midtown Action Council (MAC), Harrisburg's oldest continuously operating community group, has received a \$15,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to help finance an extension of the wireless video surveillance system, jointly operated by Dauphin County and the city, into Harrisburg's Historic Midtown neighborhood.

The project also includes installation of the first camera on the extended network.

"Safety is our No. 1 priority as a community group and it's on the mind of every resident in Harrisburg," said MAC President Jonathan Hendrickson. "This grant will help us access the infrastructure we need to eventually place wireless security cameras in the neighborhood."

The \$15,000 grant will finance the extension of the existing joint city-county wireless camera system infrastructure to the corner of Forster and Second streets within Historic Midtown, which has as its borders Forster to Verbeke streets and Front to Third streets. The infrastructure currently ends at Pine Street downtown.

In addition, the first wireless camera as part of the extended network will be installed facing north on Second Street, from its intersection with Forster Street. The wireless camera --- and any other cameras added to the network in the future --- will be integrated into the existing system for real-time surveillance by the Harrisburg Police Department

"This is just a first step, but it's arguably the most important step because it gives us a foundation to build on," said MAC Secretary/Treasurer Dan Fulton, who also serves as the group's project manager for the grant, which MAC applied for in summer 2016.

Having the infrastructure in place sets the stage for future wireless cameras to be installed strategically throughout the Historic Midtown neighborhood to tap into the real-time system.

Prior to installation, MAC must raise \$4,120 in matching funds. Contributions are tax-deductible and can be made to Midtown Action Council, 1230 N. Third St., Harrisburg, PA 17102.

About Midtown Action Council (MAC):

Formed on Nov. 14, 1977, Midtown Action Council (MAC) is Harrisburg's oldest continuously operating community group. Learn more online at www.machbg.org.