

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
RESOLUTION 2025-027
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SEPTA FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)'s ability to operate safe, frequent, reliable transit service is an invaluable, irreplaceable, and foundational service for the Borough of North Wales, for North Wales's local economy, and for the ability of North Wales' residents to move around southeastern Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, North Wales Station, a station on the Lansdale/Doylestown regional rail line, was critical to the Borough's growth and development in the 19th and 20th Century as a community with a mix of residential and commercial uses, and was important to North Wales' incorporation as a Borough; and

WHEREAS, SEPTA transports Borough residents as they commute to work, visit friends and family, travel to shops and restaurants, and meet their day-to-day transportation needs – while also helping sustain our local businesses by bringing people into North Wales; and

WHEREAS, funding for SEPTA and other transit agencies in Pennsylvania has stagnated while costs have escalated, a situation that threatens to impose service cuts of up to 45 percent and fare increases of over 20 percent on SEPTA riders; and

WHEREAS, these cuts would be devastating to the North Wales community, reducing Regional Rail service by nearly 50% to a station first opened in 1873 and still in used today as well as reducing the frequency of two bus routes significantly, and fundamentally altering the everyday lives of countless North Wales Borough residents, workers, and business owners; and

WHEREAS, the North Wales Borough Council envisions a different future for SEPTA, in which regional, and state policymakers work together to address SEPTA's immediate funding crisis, avert an impending transit disaster, and ultimately rebuild a stronger, more comfortable, more reliable system; and

WHEREAS, the Borough currently has transit-oriented land use policies to support SEPTA and protect the long-term viability of SEPTA service for Borough residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the North Wales Borough Council believes it is vital that the Pennsylvania Governor and the General Assembly budget responsibly for transit, and is committed to working together with our local, regional, and state partners to deliver transit solutions that serve our residents and businesses and improve our quality of life;

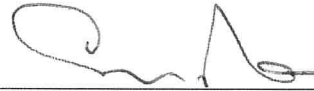
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH WALES BOROUGH COUNCIL:

That the North Wales Borough Council strongly supports efforts to establish permanent, dedicated, sustainable funding sufficient to restore service for the entire SEPTA network, including the Lansdale/Doylestown regional rail line, and bus routes 94/96 – and, ultimately, to expand service and achieve a frequent, safe, reliable system for all riders.

ADOPTED this 27th day of May, 2025.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

BY:



Salvatore Amato, President

ATTEST:



Christine A. Hart, Secretary