

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-32  
BOROUGH OF HATBORO  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF HATBORO SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR THE  
SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SEPTA)**

**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 regional BuxMont community, for Hatboro's local economy, and for the ability of Hatboro residents to move around southeastern Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, Hatboro Station, a station on the Warminster regional rail line, was critical to Hatboro's growth and development in the early 20th Century as a community with a mix of residential and commercial uses, and was important to Hatboro's importance as a Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, SEPTA's Hatboro Station transports over 500 residents daily, 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 Hatboro; 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 Hatboro/Warminster/Upper Moreland communities, eliminating every SEPTA route serving the Borough, shuttering a station first opened 154 years ago, and fundamentally altering the everyday lives of countless Hatboro residents, workers, and business owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hatboro Borough Council envisions a different future for SEPTA, in which local, 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, with 15-minute frequencies and regular, all-day service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is currently in the process of exploring transit-oriented land use policies to support and strengthen SEPTA and protect the long-term viability of SEPTA service for Hatboro residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hatboro Borough Council believes it is vital that the Pennsylvania Governor and the General Assembly budget 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 HATBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL:**

That the Hatboro Borough Council strongly supports efforts to establish permanent, dedicated, sustainable funding sufficient to restore service for the entire SEPTA network, including the Warminster line – and, ultimately, to expand service and achieve a frequent, safe, reliable system for all riders.

BY:



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George Bollendorf, Council President

ATTEST:



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Diane C. Hegele, Borough Manager

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025:



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Timothy Schultz, Mayor