## PROCLAMATION BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, URGING IMMEDIATE ACTION TO FULLY FUND THE SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND PREVENT DETRIMENTAL SERVICE CUTS.

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) is facing a \$213 million budget deficit starting July 1, 2025, threatening to reduce service by 45%, raise fares by over 20%, and eliminate numerous bus routes and regional rail lines; and

WHEREAS, such drastic measures would disproportionately affect residents who rely on public transportation for commuting to work, school, and essential services, particularly impacting those in West Conshohocken and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed service reductions would lead to an estimated 275,000 additional cars on the road daily, exacerbating traffic congestion on already burdened thoroughfares such as I-76, I-476, and Route 23, which are critical to the infrastructure of West Conshohocken; and

WHEREAS, increased vehicular traffic would not only deteriorate air quality and public health but also hinder economic growth and accessibility in our region; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of evening and special event services would isolate communities, reduce workforce mobility, and negatively impact local businesses and the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Josh Shapiro has proposed a funding package to address this crisis, yet legislative action is required to implement these solutions effectively and promptly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Conshohocken Borough Council:

- 1. Strongly urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly, including our local representatives Senator Amanda Cappelletti and Representative Tim Briggs, to take immediate and decisive action to fully fund SEPTA, thereby averting the impending service cuts and fare increases.
- 2. Calls upon the Governor and legislative leaders to prioritize sustainable funding solutions that ensure the continuity and improvement of public transportation services vital to our community's well-being and economic stability.

3. Encourages all residents and stakeholders to voice their support for SEPTA funding and to participate in public hearings and discussions to convey the importance of this issue.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of Pennsylvania, the leadership of the Pennsylvania House and Senate, Senator Amanda Cappelletti, and Representative Tim Briggs, to underscore the urgency and significance of this matter to the residents of West Conshohocken.

RESOLVED AND APPROVED this 13th day of May, 2025.

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN

ATTEST:

By: \_

Stephen Blumenthal, Council President

By:

Doug Borgerson, Manager

By:

Danelle Fournier Mayor