

RESOLUTION #25-13R
A RESOLUTION OF MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
SUPPORTING SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SEPTA)
SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) is critical to southeastern Pennsylvania's regional economy and tax base, to traffic management, and to the ability of Middletown Township residents to move around the region; and

WHEREAS, SEPTA directly serves Middletown Township residents and businesses with the Regional Rail and bus services, which help(s) people commute to work, visit friends and family, travel to shops and businesses, and meet their day-to-day transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, SEPTA also reduces regional traffic and increases property values and the tax base within its service area, benefiting Middletown Township residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, SEPTA has made significant progress on improving the system's safety, cleanliness, and efficiency, with the largest SEPTA police force in over a decade, over 700 cleaning and maintenance personnel, and a cost to operate bus and train service that is meaningfully lower than peer transit systems; and

WHEREAS, despite this progress, funding for SEPTA has stagnated while costs have escalated, a situation that threatens to completely eliminate five Regional Rail lines and 50 bus routes as well as imposing 20 percent service cuts on the remaining system and increasing fares for riders by over 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, this crisis would significantly impact local Middletown Township residents and businesses by eliminating Bus Routes 127 & 128 and by reducing service on the West Trenton Regional Rail line; and

WHEREAS, this transit funding crisis would also lead to major impacts on non-riders as well, including an estimated 275,000 additional cars on roads across southeastern Pennsylvania and an estimated \$19.9 billion total loss in property values from transit service cuts across Montgomery, Delaware, Bucks, Chester, and Philadelphia counties; and

WHEREAS, this is estimated to cost Bucks County's municipalities, school districts, and county government a combined \$3 million annually in lost property tax revenues – and would likely lead to higher property tax rates on local residents and businesses; and

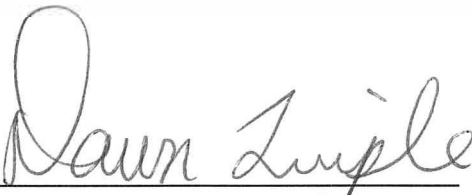
WHEREAS, the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors envisions a different future in which local, regional, and state policymakers work together to address this transit funding crisis, avert the impending impacts to traffic congestion, property values, and the regional tax base, and provide the funding needed to ensure safe, frequent, and reliable SEPTA service; and

WHEREAS, the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors believes it is critical 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; and

RESOLVED this 9th day of June 2025, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and the General Assembly to establish permanent, dedicated, sustainable funding sufficient to provide safe, frequent, reliable service for the entire SEPTA network, including the West Trenton Regional Rail line and Bus Routes 127 & 128.

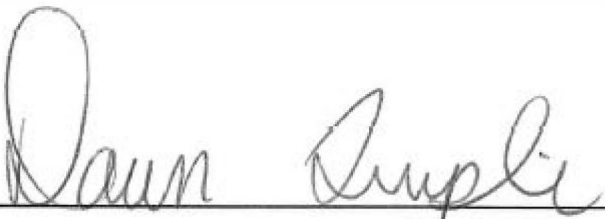
ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN


Secretary


Chairperson

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution #25-13R, enacted by the Board of Supervisors, Township of Middletown, County of Bucks on the 9th day of June, 2025.


Secretary