

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUESTING THAT THE PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET FOR TRANSIT SO AS TO ENABLE TO THE SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AT CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS AND PRICES.

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 Upper Moreland Township community, for Upper Moreland Township's local economy, and for the ability of Upper Moreland Township residents to move around southeastern Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Willow Grove Station, a station on the Warminster regional rail line, was critical to Upper Moreland Township's growth and development in the early 20th Century as a community with a mix of residential and commercial uses, and continues to be an important catalyst for Upper Moreland Township's growth and development; and

WHEREAS, SEPTA transports 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 Upper Moreland Township; 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 Upper Moreland Township community, which said proposal aims to reduce daytime, both weekday and weekend, service by 20% and the elimination of all service on the Warminster regional rail line after 9:00 p.m., and fundamentally altering the everyday lives of countless Township residents, workers, and business owners; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners 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; and

WHEREAS, the Township is amenable to engaging 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 Upper Moreland Township residents and businesses; and

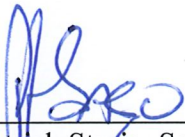
WHEREAS, the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners believes it is vital that the Pennsylvania Governor and the General Assembly budget for transit, and is committed to working together with our local, regional, and state partners to deliver transit solutions that serve our residents and businesses and improve our quality of life.

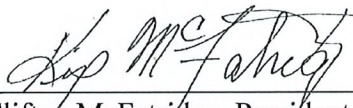
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners strongly supports efforts to establish permanent, dedicated, sustainable funding sufficient to maintain service for the entire SEPTA network, including the Warminster Regional rail line, Willow Grove Station, and Willow Grove area bus routes, and, ultimately, to expand service and achieve a frequent, safe, reliable system for all riders.

DULY PRESENTED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this 2nd day of June, 2025.

Attest:

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Patrick Stasio, Secretary

Clifton McFatrige, President