

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY
Item #16

SUBJECT: Support of SEPTA Funding and Maintaining Levels of Service
MEETING DATE: June 23, 2025
BOARD LIAISON:
INITIATED BY: Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

BACKGROUND:

SEPTA has announced plans to cut service almost 50% and raise fares and an additional 20% due to reduced funding from the state.

North Wales and Lansdale's Borough Councils adopted a resolution asking the state legislature to establish permanent, dedicated, sustainable funding sufficient to restore service for the entire SEPTA network and, ultimately, to expand service and achieve a frequent, safe, reliable system for all riders.

We have been asked by the Transportation Partnership (formerly PTMA) to consider adopting the resolution. If the Board chooses to adopt this resolution it will be sent to our State Senator and State representatives.

MOTION/RESOLUTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-11 supporting SEPTA funding.

- 1) Motion by: _____ Second by: _____
- 2) The Chairwoman will call for public comment.
- 3) The Chairwoman will call for a vote.



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA**

RESOLUTION 2025-11 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 MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, for MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP's local economy, and for the ability of MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP's residents to move around southeastern Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, SEPTA transports MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP 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 MONTGOMERY 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 MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP community, fundamentally altering the everyday lives of countless MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP residents, workers, and business owners; and

WHEREAS, the MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors 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 MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors 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 at the duly convened meeting conducted on this 23rd day of June, 2025, by the MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors:

The MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors strongly supports efforts to establish permanent, dedicated, sustainable funding sufficient to restore service for the entire SEPTA network and, ultimately, to expand service and achieve a frequent, safe, reliable system for all riders.

Audrey R. Ware-Jones, Chairwoman

Annette M. Long, Vice-Chairwoman

Tanya C. Bamford, Member

Beth A. Staab, Member

Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Member

Attest: Carolyn McCreary, Secretary