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City Announces SEPTA Transit Strike Transportation Plans

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Today, City of Philadelphia Managing Director Pedro Ramos announced the City's plans for a possible SEPTA City Transit Division Strike by Local 234 of the Transport Workers Union (TWU). The strike could begin as early as the morning rush hour on Friday, April 15, 2005. Ramos reminded Philadelphians to begin considering their transportation alternatives in the event of a strike.

"While we are certainly hopeful that the current labor contract negotiations between SEPTA and Local 234 can be resolved amicably," Ramos said. "The government and citizens alike must be prepared for the worst. To that end, the Managing Director's Office has developed a contingency plan for both City Government workers and other citizens."

To address the varied transportation issues that a strike will bring, Ramos strongly urged Philadelphians to car pool or to use SEPTA's Regional Rail network, the PATCO High Speed Line or New Jersey Transit, which are not affected by the work stoppage. He also encouraged employers to allow flexible working hours and to encourage their employees to car pool and use available public transit.

"The City of Philadelphia will continue to operate during a strike and all City employees are expected to work," Ramos continued. "Transportation information and assistance are being provided to municipal employees in the form of flexible work hours, ride sharing in private and City vehicles, and additional bike racks. Most important, City vans and buses will shuttle City employees from three remote parking sites to the City Hall area at the start and end of the workday."

The City has also made plans to assist private sector employees (Non-City Employees) through a partnership with the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia to encourage bicycle ridership and also through the assistance of the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA).

Alex Doty, Executive Director of the Bicycle Coalition, also urged Philadelphians to bike to work and announced plans by Philadelphia bike shops to offer free bicycle safety checks, including tire inspection, chain lubrication and brake inspection. In addition, the Bicycle Coalition Neighborhood Bike Works will offer guarded bike parking starting on Monday at various locations throughout the city.

To assist people who must drive to work as a result of a strike, the Managing Director's Office and the PPA have made an additional 2,300 on-street and off-street parking spaces available, on an emergency strike basis only, in and around the Center City area, as well as in other traditionally busy sections. All parking restrictions will be strictly enforced, except where otherwise indicated by clearly identifiable temporary parking signs.

The Police Department will deploy additional manpower at major Center City intersections to aid traffic flow. Motorists are warned not to block intersections, although the City will permit stopping in bus zones to pick-up and discharge passengers as long as the crosswalk is not blocked. To prevent and deter price gauging, the City's Department of Licenses and Inspections will monitor parking fees charged at private parking lots.

What Will Not Operate
Affected by the strike will be SEPTA City Transit Division, Broad Street Line, Market Frankford Line, Subway Surface Trolley Lines, and buses that operate in the City of Philadelphia, and suburban Frontier Division.

What Will Continue To Operate
Not affected by this strike will be SEPTA Regional Rail, PATCO, NJ Transit, AMTRAK, and ParaTransit. Also the Phlash and the Lucy Loop through University City will continue to operate.

See attached for additional details.

The Managing Director's Office (MDO) is the Cabinet-level office that directly supervises the operating departments within the City of Philadelphia in an effort to create a comprehensive and seamless system of service delivery. The MDO works to provide both the proper level of support for departments and the proper level of services for residents, in order to contribute to the overall quality of life in Philadelphia.

City of Philadelphia SEPTA Transit Strike Emergency Plans

What Will Not Operate – Affected by the strike:

- SEPTA City Transit Division
- Broad Street Line
- Market Frankford Line
- Subway Surface Trolley Lines
- Buses that operate in the City of Philadelphia
- Buses that operate in the Suburban Frontier Division

What Will Continue To Operate - Not affected by the strike:

- SEPTA Regional Rail
- PATCO
- NJ Transit
- AMTRAK
- ParaTransit
- Phlash
- Lucy Loop (University City)

Important Telephone Numbers and Helpful Links

- For City General Information: 215-686-1776

- To Report Suspected Price Gauging at area parking lots: 215-686-2463

- To reach the Bicycle Coalition of Philadelphia, visit www.bicyclecoalition.org.

- For information about parking in the Center City area visit the Philadelphia Parking Authority's website at www.philapark.org.

- SEPTA information phone number is 215-580-7800.

- The Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce has prepared a 'Just in Case Survival Kit' in the event of SEPTA Service interruption. It is available at: www.philachamber.com

- City Employees: Call your department's strike coordinator

On- and Off-Street Parking Spaces Available During Transportation Emergency*

NOTE: Normal parking regulations will be suspended at **THESE LOCATIONS ONLY** during the transportation emergency. All other parking regulations throughout the City will be strictly enforced.

Information on all parking accommodations can be found online at www.philapark.org

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ON-STREET PARKING Center City Locations		
Location	**Slots Available**	**Normal Regulation**
Front St (East Side) Spring Garden - Callowhill	32	No Reg.
2nd St (East Side) Spring Garden - Willow	32	No Reg.
5th St (West Side) Spring Garden- Willow	21	No Reg.
6th St (West Side) Spring Garden - Willow	32	No Reg.
8th St (East Side) Spring Garden - Willow	30	(No Stop/Standing)
18th St (East Side) Race - Vine	20	(No Stop/Standing)
18th St (East Side) Vine - Callowhill	3	No Reg.
23rd St (West Side) Market - Race	45	(No Stop/Standing)
Chestnut St (North Side) Front - Columbus	15	No Reg.
JFK Blvd. (South Side) 20th - 23rd	75	(No Stop/Standing)
Columbus Blvd (Both Sides) Market - Lombard	300	(No Stop/Standing)
Spring Garden St (North Side) Front - 2nd	8	No Reg.
Front St (West Side) Spring Garden - Callowhill	48	No Reg.

Spring Garden (North Side) 5th -6th St	17	No Reg.
Spring Garden (South Side) 5th -6th St	16	No Reg.
Spring Garden (North Side) 6th -9th St	39	No Reg.
Vine St (North Side) Columbus Blvd – Water St.	8	No Reg.
Vine St (South Side) Columbus Blvd – Water St.	8	No Reg.

ON-STREET PARKING Outside Center City		
Location	**Slots Available**	**Normal Regulation**
Girard Ave (North Side) 10th - 12th St	100	No Reg.
Aquarium Drive (Both Sides) Kelly Dr. to Art Museum	250	No Reg.
Lemon Hill Dr. (Both Sides) Kelly Dr. to Sedgely Dr.	125	No Reg.
West River Dr. Riverside Parking Areas Lots 1 -5	237	No Reg.
OFF-STREET PARKING Center City Locations Available during Transportation Emergency Only		
Location	**Slots Available**	**Capacity**
Ridge & Brown Sts. (City Owned)	50	125
6th Street (North) Between Poplar & Girard Lot #2 (City Owned)	150	150
7th Street (North) Between Poplar & Girard Lot #1 (City Owned)	100	150
7th Street (North) Between Poplar & Girard (City Owned)	75	150
2 Lots N. of Poplar, between 8th and 9th (City Owned)	300	300

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Employee Information
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Responsibilities
City employees are expected to arrive at work on time. If you have arranged with your department to work a different schedule during the strike, plan to start at the agreed time. All normal policies will apply concerning lateness and absence. Leave home early if you are driving to work, since traffic may be heavy.

Use of the Regional Rail network, and car-pooling in either private or City vehicles, is strongly encouraged. **All** City passenger vehicles are to be used for car-pooling. Every department has a Transportation Coordinator. Contact him or her for help with ride matching and all other strike-related questions.

Shuttle Service
A shuttle will take employees from four remote parking locations to the City Hall area between 6:30 AM and 9:30 AM and back to those areas from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Route 1 – From the foot of S. Broad St., near the old Navy Yard. [Heading South toward the Navy Yard, turn left (East) just before the gates, into the lot]. This route will also stop at the NE corner of S. Broad St. & Washington Ave. (with additional parking available) and at the SE corner of Broad St. & Oregon Ave.

Route 2 – From Memorial Hall in West Fairmount Park. [Park along North Concourse Drive, the road directly in front of Memorial Hall].

Route 3 – From Piers 31-34 on Delaware Ave. at the foot of Spring Garden St. This route will also stop at 900 Spring Garden St.

More Information Available
- From your department transportation coordinator and on the web at:
  - www.phila.gov
  - www.septa.org
  - www.philapark.org
  - www.philachamber.com

- www.gophila.com/phlash

Please Be Careful and Patient While Traveling