THE MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026, 1:00 P.M.
IN PERSON IN ROOM 18-029, 1515 ARCH STREET, AND ON ZOOM
JESSIE LAWRENCE, CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

START TIME IN ZOOM RECORDING: 00:06:13

Jessie Lawrence, Chair, called the meeting to order and announced the presence of a quorum. The following Commissioners joined:

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Comment
Jessie Lawrence, Chair – Department of Planning & Development	X		
Tavare Brown – Director of Finance Designee	X		
Patrick Eiding – Community Representative	X		
Maria Gonzalez – Community Representative	X		
Dawn Summerville- Commerce Department Designee		X	
Stephen St. Vincent – Managing Director Designee	X		
Ximena Valle – Architect	X		
Darlene Threatt – Land Use Attorney	X		
Joyce Lee – Urban Planning Professional	X		
Sharon Suleta – Attorney	X		
Kevin Flynn – Engineer	X		

The meeting was held in person in room 18-029, 1515 Arch Street, and remotely via Zoom video and audio-conferencing software.

The following staff members were present:
Octavia Howell, Executive Director
Meg Cavanaugh
Kyle Brown
Aaron Holly

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS

START TIME IN ZOOM RECORDING: 00:04:39

DISCUSSION:

- Jessie Lawrence, Commission Chair, swore in Commissioners Sharon Suleta and Kevin Flynn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 21, 2026

START TIME IN ZOOM RECORDING: 00:06:42

DISCUSSION:

- Jessie Lawrence, Commission Chair, asked the Commissioners if they had any suggested additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2026
- No comments were offered.

ACTION: Approval

ITEM: Approval of the Minutes of May 21 **MOTION: Approval of Minutes** **MOVED BY: Threatt** **SECONDED BY: Lee**					
VOTE					
Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Jessie Lawrence					
Tavare Brown	X				
Patrick Eiding	X				
Maria Gonzalez	X				
Dawn Summerville					X
Darlene Threatt	X				
Stephen St. Vincent	X				
Ximena Valle	X				
Joyce Lee	X				
Sharon Suleta			X		
Kevin Flynn			X		
Total	7		2		1

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS UPDATE

START TIME IN ZOOM RECORDING: 00:07:13

UPDATES

- The Philadelphia City Planning Commission's next meeting of the Civic Design Review Committee will be Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 1pm.
- The next City Planning Commission meeting is Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 1pm.

STAFF UPDATES

New Hire

- Keisha Moore- Johnson – Executive Assistant

Departing Staff

- Anthony Christinzio – Community Initiatives Specialist
- Jaylene Gutierrez – Lower Northwest District Planner

Market East Engagement Hub

MY Market East Engagement Hub welcomed over 1,000 people this summer in July and August. The in-person center for engagement was developed by the DPD and our partners to visualize and share the feedback that we had received about future of Market East, gain new insights about possible futures and identify which actions the city and private sector partners could take to revive this important corridor. The Market East Revival is on track to release significant findings and a draft plan by the end of the year.

PHDC Housing Fair

The Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation will be hosting their annual housing fair on September 26 from 10 until 3 at Temple University's Student Training and Recreation Complex at 1816 N 15th Street.

RCO Registration Update

Our annual RCO registration process ended in June. The Planning Commission received a total of 38 RCO applications. 26 from renewing RCOs and 12 from new applicants. Six previously registered RCOs failed to renew their RCO status, as is required every two years, and were removed from the list. PCPC staff considered all applications against zoning code requirements for RCO status, which are listed on the screen. 5 applications were ultimately rejected for failing to demonstrate that their organizations meet RCO criteria. Two of them have submitted appeals—these will be considered at a future meeting of the planning commission. After the close of the 2026 registration period, there are 240 organizations on the RCO list.

Park(*ing*) Day

On Friday, September 18, Planning Commission staff will be participating National Parking Day. Each year on the third Friday in September, activists, artists, architects, and other citizens transform metered parking spaces into temporary public parks. This year, staff will be taking over a spot from 9am-5pm on the 1600 block of Chestnut Street themed around the Trail Master Plan. Come meet our trail ambassadors, make a cyanotype map of your favorite trail, and get your picture taken at our Philadelphia Trail themed photo booth.

Philadelphia Trail Master Plan

The Philadelphia Trail Plan was completed in 2013. Since that time, over 30 miles of multi-use trails have been constructed and over 20 additional miles are in progress.

The city is will be overhauling the Plan in 2027. As part that effort, we have been engaging with communities all around the city. A core component of our outreach relies on our Philadelphia Trail Ambassador program, which is connecting everyday Philadelphians with the effort. You can learn more at phila.gov/trails. While you're there, please consider taking our Citywide Trails Survey, open through October 31, and participate in the Youth Photo Contest, open through October 1.

AGENDA

Item #1
Information Only: Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow Improvements Projects

START TIME OF DISCUSSION IN ZOOM RECORDING: 00:13:10

PRESENTERS:

- Staff member Kyle Brown presented the item to the Planning Commission.

SUMMARY: Overview of the Roosevelt Boulevard "Route for Change" program, with a focus on the Boulevard Tomorrow project. The presentation outlined ongoing and planned corridor-wide improvements aimed at enhancing traffic safety, transit operations, pedestrian accessibility, and bicycle connectivity. Proposed improvements include upgraded traffic signals, enhanced pedestrian crossings, improved bus stop facilities, landscaping enhancements, public art opportunities, and approximately four miles of new shared-use paths. The presentation also highlighted proposed street reconfigurations in the Logan Triangle area that are expected to require future Planning Commission review. The Boulevard Tomorrow project is currently in preliminary engineering, with construction anticipated to be completed by 2030. Upcoming public engagement activities were also announced to gather community input on the proposed improvements.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: (00:25:50)

- **Commissioner Flynn** urged the design team to ensure compatibility among the boulevard options presented as part of the Boulevard Reimagine phase.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Brandon Blue – In Favor
- Joshua McGratfth – In Favor
- Albert Fleming – In Favor
- Ashley Tracy – In Favor
- Amy Kramer – In Favor
- Denise Devilin – Opposition
- Dr. Jay Arzu – In Favor
- Sonya Lopez – In Favor

Item #2
Information Only: Philadelphia 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update

START TIME OF DISCUSSION IN ZOOM RECORDING: 00:42:10

PRESENTERS:

- Staff member Aaron Holly presented the item to the Planning Commission.

SUMMARY: An overview of the comprehensive planning process, its role in guiding future development, policy, funding, and capital investment decisions, and the transition from the current Philadelphia 2035 plan to the updated Philadelphia 2050 framework.

Staff reported that Phase 1 of the project has been completed and included citywide public engagement, youth outreach, community plan reviews, and analysis of nearly 2,800 survey responses. Feedback highlighted priorities such as public safety, cleaner neighborhoods, improved and affordable public transportation, affordable housing, economic opportunity, community well-being, and equitable access to resources.

The presentation also reviewed ongoing research efforts, development of topic-area issue briefs, and the incorporation of community priorities into future recommendations. Staff announced the launch of the Phase 2 public survey and outlined next steps, including additional community engagement, development of draft recommendations, and preparation of the comprehensive plan for adoption.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: (00:57:08)

- **Chair Jessie Lawrence** – commended Planning Commission staff for their work on the Philadelphia 2050 update and their commitment to maintaining a regular comprehensive planning cycle.
- **Commissioner Gonzales** – suggested expanding the number of engagement station locations across the city to increase public participation and recommended considering local commissioner offices as additional sites for distributing information and collecting survey responses.
- **Commissioner Valle** – expressed appreciation for the inclusion of neighborhood plans in the Philadelphia 2050 planning process, noting that it reflects a coordinated and comprehensive approach. The Commissioner encouraged staff to continue incorporating additional neighborhood plans and identifying common priorities across communities. Staff expressed that that is the goal and will be adding more staff to continue that type of work.
- **Commissioner Lee** – The Commissioner emphasized the importance of stakeholder engagement in Phase 2 and asked how ongoing citywide planning initiatives, including resiliency planning efforts, are being coordinated and incorporated into the Philadelphia 2050 process to ensure a unified, citywide approach. Staff stated that Philadelphia 2050 is being coordinated with other citywide planning efforts through ongoing collaboration with

city departments and review of existing plans to ensure the comprehensive plan serves as a unified framework guiding city policies, investments, and long-term priorities.

- **Commissioner Valle** – recommended establishing short-term or annual goals within the Philadelphia 2050 Comprehensive Plan to promote accountability, measure progress, and ensure implementation remains on track.
- **Commissioner Lee** – asked about the timeframe for the Commission to vote on the final plan, and whether there would be opportunities for Commission input by voting on topics before being incorporated in the plan. **Director Howell** stated that while no interim votes are anticipated, the Commission will receive periodic updates and opportunities for input throughout the Philadelphia 2050 planning process.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (01:03:42)

- **Ali Revas** – asked what lessons learned from the Philadelphia 2035 planning process are being applied to the development of the Philadelphia 2050 Comprehensive Plan, including both successes and areas for improvement. Staff stated that Philadelphia 2050 is an update to the Philadelphia 2035 plan, focused on building on successful recommendations, updating priorities, removing outdated elements, and addressing emerging community needs. **Director Howell** noted that lessons learned from the Philadelphia 2035 process have informed Philadelphia 2050, particularly by expanding community engagement, evaluating the implementation of past recommendations, and ensuring more equitable citywide participation throughout the planning process.
- **Brandon Blue** – encouraged the City to prioritize investment in underserved neighborhoods, including North and West Philadelphia, address concerns related to affordability, transit conditions, and public safety, and continue engaging residents to ensure community needs and priorities are reflected in the Philadelphia 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

START TIME OF DISCUSSION IN ZOOM RECORDING: 01:15:5

ACTION: Chair Jessie Lawrence moved to adjourn. Commissioner Eiding seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous consent.

PLEASE NOTE:

- *Minutes of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission are presented in action format. Additional information is available in the video recording for this meeting. The start time for each agenda item in the recording is noted.*

#	Question	Asker Name	Asker Email	Answer	Question Time	Answered Time	Answer Name	Answer Email
1	Good Afternoon Did I miss public comment ?	Commissioner Lisa Deeley	lisa.deeley@phila.gov	Hello Commissioner. The Chair does not always take public comment on the Director's report. Public comments for the information only items will come after each presentation.	9/17/2026 13:14	9/17/2026 13:19	David Fecteau PCPC Staff	david.fecteau@phila.gov
2	ok I was looking to comment on Roosevelt Blvd	Commissioner Lisa Deeley	lisa.deeley@phila.gov	The Chair will ask for comments after Kyle's presentation. Meg will monitor the online audience. When she she's your hand raised, she will ask you to speak to the Commissioners.	9/17/2026 13:20	9/17/2026 13:22	David Fecteau PCPC Staff	david.fecteau@phila.gov
3	ok thanks	Commissioner Lisa Deeley	lisa.deeley@phila.gov		9/17/2026 13:22			
4	Hello. I'm Albert E. Fleming. I work at Lowe's at the northeast Philadelphia. And take 1 on the weekdays and Saturdays. And my to question to you is when will the BRT take place and will the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway Line will be great project?	Albert E. Fleming	albertefleming@gmail.com	Please raise your hand and address your comment to the Commissioners.	9/17/2026 13:37	9/17/2026 13:38	David Fecteau PCPC Staff	david.fecteau@phila.gov
5	how will this impede those of us who prefer to drive on our own schedule	Aimee Kremer	aimee752@gmail.com		9/17/2026 13:44			
6	What programs are yall offering to youths at risk	Zoom user	saddiq1250@icloud.com	Please raise your hand and address your comment to the Commissioners.	9/17/2026 14:02	9/17/2026 14:03	David Fecteau PCPC Staff	david.fecteau@phila.gov

From: Michael T. Greene
To: Planning
Subject: 9/17/2026 City Planning Commission Meeting:Item 4-Roosevelt Boulevard
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 1:31:26 PM

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My name is Michael T Greene. From 1995 to 2003, I was a member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Roosevelt Boulevard Improvements Study, which suggested a rapid transit line along Roosevelt Boulevard, which as to connect to the Broad Street Subway. My understanding is that a new version of this proposal, which has been considered since 1913, is again up for consideration, this time also backed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. I urge you that this proposal be moved to the planning and engineering stage. This line can be the first step in providing rapid transit to an area of Philadelphia that has needed such access for more than a century. I also hope that this step will lead to further steps to improve non-automotive mobility within the City. I hope you will do the long-needed right thing, and advance this to the steps I noted.

Yours

Michael T Greene

From: Brandon Blue
To: Planning
Subject: Choose the subway option!
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 1:49:19 PM

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Good Afternoon. My name is Brandon Blue and I am an avid SEPTA rider and transit supporter. I use the system everyday to get to work and other places. At times, the system can be very exasperating with its unpredictable bus and train station qualities across all modes, bus/train in frequencies and the overall untapped potential of the transit agency as a whole. It is disappointing and frustrating to see so many vital transit projects being shelved and postponed for such a glacial period of time. The Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in particular has been shelved for over a century. There are so many benefits to making this happen at least by 2040. Less traffic, more accessibility, economic investment and a dynamic/reliable transit connection to the rest of the city. I completely understand that we may not have the funding for it today, but that doesn't mean we have to wait another century for this to happen. I want you to invest on what is best for the city. I speak for the majority of Philadelphians to invest in SEPTA now and put the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in your priority list in the boulevard reimagining plan! Don't settle for less, make it happen!

From: Alicia Jen
To: Planning
Subject: Comment in support of Roosevelt Blvd subway
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 11:21:29 AM

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Hello,

I am a Philadelphia resident and would like to submit a comment in advance of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Sep 17th. I want to express my strong support for a Roosevelt Blvd subway, and for expanded and improved transit infrastructure in general.

I live in Center City (19103) without a car and rely on transit to get around for work, leisure, and errands. I would be interested in patronizing many businesses in Northeast Philly and along Roosevelt Blvd, visiting Pennypack Park, and getting to know the many immigrant communities there. However, the area is so car-reliant that I have no way of getting up there without an expensive rideshare.

Building the Roosevelt Blvd subway would allow me and other non-residents to more easily visit Northeast Philly and the businesses there, boosting the local economy. The subway would also be a huge boon to residents of the area. Allowing them to get around the city without a car will save them money, reduce congestion, and improve pedestrian safety. Finally, the subway would likely attract new residents to live and work in the city, supporting Philadelphia's economy, development, and tax base and reducing the number of people who opt for the suburbs. I would certainly consider living in Northeast Philly if it meant I could both get a bigger house for a future family and still stay connected to the rest of the city via transit.

I wouldn't be too particular about whether such a transit line would be a trolley or subway, but something that avoids the car traffic on Roosevelt Blvd would be ideal. And any transit would be a welcome development to me!

Thank you for listening,

Alicia Jen

From: Zach Carson
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 11:49:57 AM

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Please include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering.

Philadelphia has a choice to make. Become a premier city in the northeast or not. We are lucky that we have the dense bones to make changes quickly and have them have a huge impact.

We can do this.

Best,
Zach

From: Erick Richardson
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 11:41:41 AM

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Hi. Can you please: Include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering. If the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway gets built, I'm going to ride on it.

From: James Kemp
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 11:41:28 AM

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Include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering. Getting to north east Philly from south is a nightmare via busses and it’s time to change that and make the region more connected to the city.

From: Alain Welliver
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 12:06:46 PM

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Hello,

Please include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and move it forward into design and engineering. This project matters because it would improve transportation access, safety, and long-term mobility for people who live and work along the corridor. It will benefit the community for decades to come, and a bus rapid transit option will not be a complete solution.

Thank you for considering this comment.

From: Alex Mingioni
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 1:01:44 PM

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Hi! My name is Alex Mingioni. I plan to attend the meeting and I ask to include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering. Adding a subway would make a much quicker way to get back home in the Northeast. It would require fewer transfers into the Northeast from Temple and fewer stops, and it would make it much quicker to access businesses in the Northeast than the current bus service

Thank you.

From: Jorel Aramburo
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 1:08:52 PM

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To whom it may concern,

Include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering. Northeast Philadelphia is needlessly and pointlessly disconnected from the rest of the city, and people in the Northeast should have more car-free methods to get around this city.

Thank you.

From: Ken Ellsperman
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow!!
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 2:05:39 PM

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Dear Sirs:

PLEASE Include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering.

I was born and raised on Levick Street. My grandparents lived on Crafton Street.
WE NEED this long overdue extension ! Thanks!
Kenneth Ellsperman

From: Andrew Heuer
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 12:23:51 PM

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Include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering. Add a line about why it matters to you

Best,
Andrew

From:	BJ Wanlund
To:	Planning
Subject:	Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date:	Wednesday, September 16, 2026 12:41:20 PM

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Please include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow plan and advance it into design and engineering.

As a recent resident of the center city portion of Philadelphia, I have noticed one thing about Roosevelt Boulevard: I don't want to be there any longer than I have to in its current form. The myriad of lanes are extremely confusing, traffic is an absolute nightmare, and basically anything in the Northeast is absolutely no longer worthwhile to fight the constant roadwork and traffic on I-95 in order to go anywhere in that part of Northeast Philly. And for those who want to be car-free, either by choice or by circumstance, in Northeast Philly and all across the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection, they cannot do so currently without significant infrastructural changes to how transit is handled in this and every single part of the city.

Residents of this city have waited a century for the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway project to be built. They are DONE waiting. It's long since past time. Roosevelt Boulevard is full. We cannot afford to accept even more cars when the best option, the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway, has been right under our noses for a century. Waiting for I-95's constant roadwork to finally come to a definitive end is no longer a sustainable solution. Build the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway!

Sincerely,

BJ Wanlund
Philly resident and transit optimist

Sent from my iPhone

From: David Talone
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 11:51:16 AM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to request that you include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into the design and engineering phase.

I don't own a car and getting to visit friends and family in the northeast is very difficult and time-consuming now. A quick ride up from the BSL would cut that time in half.

Sincerely,
David Talone

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From: George Arcarola
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 12:51:05 PM

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Hi

I'm asking you to include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering.

If you look around the world, government funded large public transportation systems are a necessity in the best and biggest cities. We need more subway lines to make this city better, cleaner, and safer. This city needs this subway to move further away from a reliance on cars.

Thanks.

George Arcarola

From: Joe K
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 1:07:57 PM

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Include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering. It would simultaneously decrease congestion on the boulevard and provide a safer and more convenient alternative for commuters and those without a car. It would also be quicker than the bus. This should also lead to less vehicular deaths/injuries along the boulevard.

From: Kyle Mackey
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 11:55:29 AM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Kyle Mackey and I am a Philadelphia resident writing in support of advancing plans for the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway project. We need to get this project into the engineering and design phase so that we can finally reduce traffic congestion on the Boulevard, and more importantly, stop vehicular deaths.

The Roosevelt Boulevard Subway matters to me as a city resident because I want a future with safe streets and accessible transit options for all.

Best,

Kyle Mackey

From: Phil Dupont
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 1:50:12 PM

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As a lifelong SEPTA rider, I cannot emphasize enough how imperative it is to INCLUDE the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway and advance it into design and engineering!

SEPTA has been held by for far too long by Harrisburg, and it's time to unshackle the potential that new, heavy rail investment can and WILL bring to the entire commonwealth by building the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway!

No more lane expansions, no more paving over our communities, BUILD THE ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD SUBWAY!!

From: Philip Niewiarowski
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 12:29:57 PM

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Include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering. Add a line about why it matters to you.

From: Tiara Whaley
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 12:52:50 PM

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Hello, I am in Northeast Philadelphia resident emailing to urge you to include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering. Northeast Philly residents deserve high capacity/frequency rail like the rest of the city, especially with how residential we are; we were literally made for the subway. This will be a life changer on traffic, pollution, and commutes, especially those with non 9 to 5 jobs, for the residents here. Thank you for your consideration.

Tiara

From: James Childers
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 11:12:45 AM

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Hi everyone,

I believe it is in the city's best interests to include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design engineering. The Roosevelt Boulevard Subway would help bring cars off of a road that has too many accidents (making the Boulevard safer in the process), and make connectivity between Northeast Philadelphia and the rest of the city much better for everyone involved.

Thanks,
James Childers

From: Sophie B.
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 12:23:46 PM

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Good afternoon,

Please include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in your plan for Roosevelt Blvd improvement, and advance the subway plan into the design and engineering phase. As a full-time pedestrian, I rely on mass transit to move around Philadelphia. Further, as a City employee, I am frequently required to travel Roosevelt Boulevard to visit PPD satellite offices and the ballot warehouse. Creating subway access (especially with a connection to the El) would enable me to access more parts of the City in my personal life, and aid my ability to serve the City in my role as an employee.

Thank you,
Sophie

From: Alex
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment, Agenda Item 4
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 2:29:24 PM

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Move the Roosevelt Blvd Subway into design & engineering!

From: Andrew Schwenk
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment, Agenda Item No. 4
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 12:29:55 PM

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Good Afternoon,

Please move the Roosevelt Blvd. Subway into design and engineering.

From: JSBergquist
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item 4
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 11:08:23 AM

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Please move the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway into the design and engineering phase! NE Philly deserves a subway system and this will alleviate congestion on the extremely dangerous boulevard.

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From: Brandon Blue
To: Planning
Subject: Re: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 1:59:27 PM

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Good Afternoon. My name is Brandon Blue and I am an avid SEPTA rider and transit supporter. I use the system everyday to get to work and other places. At times, the system can be very exasperating with its unpredictable bus and train station qualities across all modes, bus/train in frequencies and the overall untapped potential of the transit agency as a whole. It is disappointing and frustrating to see so many vital transit projects being shelved and postponed for such a glacial period of time. The Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in particular has been shelved for over a century. There are so many benefits to making this happen at least by 2040. Less traffic, more accessibility, economic investment and a dynamic/reliable transit connection to the rest of the city. I completely understand that we may not have the funding for it today, but that doesn't mean we have to wait another century for this to happen. I want you to invest on what is best for the city. I speak for the majority of Philadelphians when I say, invest in SEPTA now and put the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in your priority list in the boulevard reimagining plan! Don't settle for less, make it happen!

On Wed, Sep 16, 2026, 1:56 PM Brandon Blue <20bblue@gmail.com> wrote:

> The subway has been promised to Northeast Philadelphia for over a century and never delivered. Meanwhile, the Boulevard remains one of the most dangerous roads in the city, and the neighborhoods along it depend on slow, crowded buses to reach jobs, school, and care. Safety fixes and bus upgrades matter, but they are not the long-term answer. The Commission needs to hear loud and clear that the subway belongs in the plan and must move into design and engineering now. I have stated my personal thoughts in the first email that I have sent. I will reiterate: Do not settle for less, invest in the subway, invest in SEPTA and invest in the city! Make it happen!

From: Joann Leventis
To: Planning
Subject: Boulevard subway
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 5:08:45 PM

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I am opposed of this Subway project. This will interfere with traffic. That is already terrible, including traffic. On 95, where they still have not ended construction. And if something else happens to ninety five, there's no other alternative route for drivers, they already take the back roads and congest. That as it is, this city has allowed an extreme takeover of landlords to rent all of these homes. While they move out further into the suburbs to get away from traffic and congestion, this city's infrastructure was built for a certain amount of people. Now that we have all kinds of immigrants from everywhere, renting in the cities and having, instead of 2 kids having 5 and 6 children, all of our schools, our overcrowded, our police and fire. We don't have enough, we don't have enough hospitals. And you 're looking to expand a subway project with all of that money. I think we need more hospitals and schools. First to house all of these people and housing as well. Instead of illegally letting them rent out single family, residential homes, and everybody's got 2 families living there with 5 and 6 cars. So there's no parking either. The city has suffocated us with cameras and speed bumps. Because everybody's in a rush to go nowhere. Because the traff is insane and you think a subway is going to help. Why don't you start by not allowing thousands of people to move into these single family residential homes that'll help

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Shani Asantewaa Sheryl♀ Strothers-Thompson
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From: **Shani Asantewaa Sheryl Strothers** <thebattleforrespect45thstphl@gmail.com>
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To: Mr. Jessie Lawrence,
Director of the City of Philadelphia Department of Planning Development

and

Vice Chair of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (PRA)

From: Shani Strothers-Thompson and the Strothers Family

Re: Funds to rebuild 1250 S 45th St, 19104

Dear Director & Vice Chair Lawrence,

I am writing on behalf of my family regarding the critical situation and ongoing recovery efforts for our property at 1250 S 45th St, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

As heavily documented regarding "The Battle for 45th Street," our multi-generational Class A1 double I-beam steel frame and masonry family home was severely compromised and rendered completely uninhabitable due to severe structural and mold fallout caused by adjacent demolition and construction at 1248 and 1252 that was permitted by Licenses & Inspections (L&I) under developer John Martin Cassidy. The City subsequently deemed the property an unsafe structure. Because the structural and mold damage was so pervasive to the point where our previously well-maintained home could not be effectively saved, we were forced to proceed with a private demolition.

Because the City's systemic oversight failures directly resulted in our home being deemed unsafe and ultimately lost, we are herein formally requesting municipal financial assistance, the deployment of Commonwealth capital grants, federal HUD housing preservation allocations and whatever other funds may be available to cover our rebuild. We are looping in our federal congressional representatives and the HUD Regional Administration to explore federal interventions regarding housing equity and local development assistance. We urgently request a joint meeting with your office to discuss how municipal, state, federal and other allocations can be deployed to make our family whole. We look forward to your immediate intervention to right this housing injustice.

Sincerely,

Shani Strothers-Thompson
215.960.4698
thebattleforrespect45thstphl@gmail.com
#thebattlefor45thst

From: Jairus James
To: Planning
Subject: Jairus (pro-subway!) - Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
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Hey team!
My name is Jairus. Regarding Agenda Item 4 for tomorrow's meeting, I am pro-subway. Public transit is the lifeblood of Philadelphia, and it bolsters the surrounding areas as well. I am pro-subway and hope you help to move this plan forward!

Jairus

From: 61epic.coffer@icloud.com
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item #4 - Roosevelt Boulevard Subway - OPPOSITION OF PROJECT
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 12:01:00 AM

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I am a lifelong, taxpaying resident of Northeast Philadelphia, and I strongly oppose this project.

I believe it would negatively affect our neighborhoods and property values, create additional public-safety concerns, and cost taxpayers billions of dollars that could be better invested elsewhere. Construction would likely take years, making traffic and congestion along Roosevelt Boulevard—already one of the city's most difficult roadways—even worse.

Before committing billions of taxpayer dollars to another SEPTA project, Philadelphia should address the essential services and infrastructure its residents depend on every day. Our aging power grid and sewer system need attention. Our streets and sidewalks are deteriorating. Our schools desperately need greater investment, and our police and fire departments need adequate staffing and resources.

Philadelphia residents already carry a significant tax burden. If the city has billions of dollars available, those funds should be used to repair existing infrastructure, improve essential services, strengthen public safety, or provide meaningful tax relief—not finance a massive project that many residents neither want nor believe will benefit their neighborhoods.

I also believe the decision-making process must be completely transparent. Council members and other officials supporting this proposal should publicly explain its true cost, how it will be funded, its effect on traffic and property values, and why it should take priority over Philadelphia's many urgent needs.

The taxpayers and residents who will bear the cost and disruption deserve to be heard. I urge city officials to reject this project and invest our tax dollars where they will provide direct, measurable benefits to the people and neighborhoods of Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

A lifelong taxpaying concerned resident

From: Denise Devlin
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4 - Roosevelt Blvd. Subway
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 12:08:30 AM

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Re: Opposition to the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway

To whom it may concern:

First, let me start by saying that holding a City Planning Commission meeting on an important issue that will NEGATIVELY IMPACT thousands of taxpaying, City residents, (and especially those in the Northeast) at 1:00 pm on a weekday, when may of those same people are WORKING, deprives them of the opportunity to attend the meeting (either in person, or virtually) and be heard.

Next, I would like to address the FLAWED Route for Change public-engagement survey that was DESIGNED to invite only "POSITIVE RESPONSES" such as "which would you prefer" (followed by a few "options", which included changes to roadway designs, the addition of pedestrian bridges, and 3 transportation modes: BRT, LRT, or subway). This survey DID NOT provide for (nor was it designed to, by the ABSENCE of such language) any OPPOSITION. There was NO PLACE to for respondents to choose "none of the above", or "make no changes" or anything even remotely close. In addition, only a relatively small number of people actually RESPONDED to the survey, which begs the question of VALIDITY, ie being an insufficient number of responses to make a proper determination on something that will cost BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, negatively impact thousands of people (ie homeowners), and cause traffic disruption for tens of thousands of people more than a decade.

In addition to the above, there are numerous other reasons to oppose this project, as follows:

1) Existence of already feasible transportation: There is plenty of already-existing viable, and feasible transportation. In fact, the Boulevard Direct bus travels on the Roosevelt Blvd, and only makes 9 stops, including Neshaminy Mall, making this NOT NECESSARY. Additionally, the Neshaminy Mall has closed, making even less of a reason to extend a subway all the way up to Neshaminy Mall.

2) Long-term disruption during construction: A project of this scope will cause long-term disruption and negative "quality of life" and environmental impact issues to thousands of people who live directly on or in close proximity to Roosevelt Blvd. This would include continuous noise pollution, dirt, and traffic disruption near their homes, for many years.

3) Disrupting the flow of traffic: Thousands of cars per hour travel on the Roosevelt Blvd. Spreading it out over the 12 lanes (6 in each direction) keeps it moving, and manageable. (The speed limit has already been lowered to reduce the number of accidents.) During rush hour, even the temporary removal of "lane availability" (for such things as accidents, road work, etc.) impedes the flow of traffic, and causes excessive delays. This will be much worse with the daily presence and movement of heavy construction equipment, for over a decade. To PERMANENTLY remove any traffic lanes would be even more detrimental.

4) Impact on bus travel: Some may argue that "bus travel is too slow". However, Bus routes that travel on the Roosevelt Blvd. will be subject to the same delay during construction (for a decade or more, or "permanently", if traffic lanes are removed) as other drivers.

5) Lack of Convenience: Many residents in the Northeast rely on their cars for transportation, and like the convenience that it affords them. There will be NO dedicated parking for those who wish to drive to it. For those who are not within walking distance, (or the walk is a little bit longer), or those that have to take the bus to get to it (the "slow" busses) it will not offer any additional (or worthwhile) convenience factor, or time-savings.

6) Cost: This project, which is expected to cost over $15 BILLION DOLLARS for a partially capped expressway and subway is UNFUNDED. Although some funding may be secured by Federal funds (which is not GUARANTEED) any shortfall will be borne by the TAXPAYERS of the City of Philadelphia, including those who will not use it.

7) Land Acquisition: Any real estate that will need to be "acquired" for this project will either be a market-rate "sale" or by eminent domain, which is also market-rate (and quite expensive.)

8) Management Issues: This mode of transportation is expected to be managed by SEPTA. SEPTA has continually exhibited "poor management" of EXISTING TRANSPORTATION, including lack of fare-payment enforcement, and is not likely to improve by adding "additional transportation".

9) Lack of Dedicated Funding: SEPTA instituted a recent fare increase (in September 2025) to make up for MILLIONS OF DOLLARS of "chronic budget shortfall" for their existing transportation. Since there will be no "dedicated funding", and given the rampant fare evasion by riders that contributes to the loss of millions of dollars, this project is not financially feasible OR SUSTAINABLE.

10) Average Daily Ridership numbers: The "assumption" that there will be tens of thousands of daily riders to pay for it. This is simply FALSE. 1) A large majority of Septa riders DO NOT pay their fare to even ride EXISTING TRANSPORTATION. 2) There is no basis for the "estimated" tens of thousands of "projected NEW weekday trips". While some people may opt to ride a Boulevard Subway instead of travelling in their car, (which would remove "some" cars from the Boulevard), the number is not likely to be that significant. There are many factors that will influence "new ridership", such as "safety", "convenience", and "cleanliness". If there is no "perception" of these, most people in the Northeast will still opt for the safety, convenience, and comfort of their own car.

11) Reducing the number of riders on existing transportation: Many riders will not be "new riders", but those switching to the Boulevard Subway as an ALTERNATIVE to already-existing public transportation (such as local busses, the Boulevard Direct Bus, and the Market-Frankford el). This will have a direct negative impact on those already-existing routes, with less riders producing less revenue, (from those that actually DO pay, anyway), and increasing the per-trip cost of same.

12) Other "Quality of Life" issues: 1) With no dedicated parking, those who will drive to it will need to park "somewhere" in residential neighborhoods, reducing the amount of parking for the residents of those neighborhoods. 2) Increasing the number of commuters leads to an increased amount of trash left by them. Northeast residents take pride in their communities, and keeping them clean. It is clearly evident that many riders of already-existing transportation do not "respect their environment", and show little regard for it when it comes to disposing of their own trash, which often ends up on the ground. 3) Safety: What is the "plan" for dedicated police resources (and funding of same) to continually ensure the safety of commuters at the subway stations?

13) Storage of Transportation Vehicles and Equipment (ie a "rail yard"): A rail yard will contribute to air pollution and noise pollution, not to mention lack of sufficient vacant land to accommodate it. This is NOT something "desirable" to any neighborhood, and would lower property values.

In light of these legitimate and valid points regarding the lack of necessity, disruption, excessive cost, lack of feasibility, lack of funding, and lack of financial sustainability, I reiterate my OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT. The continued WASTE of any further time or "resources" on this project should be ended IMMEDIATELY.

Sincerely,

Denise Devlin

From: pfliegerz@gmail.com
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4 Roosevelt Blvd
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 11:36:26 AM

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Please include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering.

Its existence would have made dealing with the recent death my mother-in-law much more manageable and we could have been there more frequently in her final days.

Thank you
Zak

From: John Nichols
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Blvd Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 5:12:45 PM

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To Whom it may concern,

This email is in support of the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway. This CENTURY OVERDUE subway line should be included in the plan. It is time to begin the design and engineering phase of the project. With this line, the ability for Philadelphians, such as myself, to access the Northeast will be greatly increased. Additionally, it will improve traffic, reduce pollution, reduce crashes, and increase public safety. Furthermore, the ROI on public transit projects is $5 of economic activity for every $1 spent. Philadelphia needs to invest in it's future. It is often cited as being the most walkable city in the United States, and given not only the climate crises, but also the rising cost of gas and the increasing instability of our ability to access fossil fuels, we have far more to benefit from finally completing this project than kicking the can down the road, further increasing the cost of it for when we finally begin the project.

Thank you,

John K. Nichols
1028 Jackson Street
Philadelphia, PA 19148

From:	Mary Patricia Zimmer
To:	Planning
Subject:	Public comment on agenda item 4, Roosevelt Blvd Subway - opposing this project!
Date:	Wednesday, September 16, 2026 5:03:42 PM

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Good afternoon,

This project is not needed. We have enough traffic and roads that are having work done. This will take years to complete and create a major headache for students and anyone who travels on the boulevard. 95 has been in a work in progress since the 90s, this won't be any better.

Thank you.
Sent from my iPhone

From: Russell Dinkins
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 10:54:07 AM

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Comment: Please include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering.

Philadelphia deserves world class transit, particularly as a city with a high percentage of the population who does not drive. The Northeast has long been a transit desert and plans for a subway extension have existed for a century.

It's time to finally build something that's long overdue and will connect that region to other parts of the city while also alleviating congestion by removing cars from the road.

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any typos.

From: Helena Gallant
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow.
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 10:36:31 AM

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Good day,

My name is Helena and I am a resident of Northeast Philly in the Torresdale neighborhood. I'm writing today to strongly encourage you to include the Roosevelt Boulevard subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering.

This subway line matters greatly to me as someone who is an avid transit user as well as an advocate for older adults with the SeniorLAW Center, and greatly desires to see more options for accessible, affordable, and consistently on-time transit. This subway system would open up more opportunities for Northeast Philly residents to get around, and would make us feel more connected to the rest of the city.

Thank you for your time and consideration in advance,
Helena

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Helena Tarker Gallant, MSW
She/Her/Hers pronouns
Cell:(215)896-9310
Email: helenagallant33@gmail.com

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: Indeed it's the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

From: Basil Jackson
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 10:26:35 AM

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To the Philadelphia City Planning Commission,

I'm writing ahead of tomorrow's — er, today's — hearing on Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow to ask that you move the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway into design and engineering now.

Roosevelt Boulevard has been one of the most dangerous corridors in the city for decades, and Philadelphia has been waiting on real transit investment there for nearly a century. A corridor that carries this much traffic and this much risk deserves more than another round of studies — it deserves a funded, engineered plan. Advancing the subway into design and engineering is the clearest way to show that this project is actually moving, not just being discussed again.

I'd urge the Commission to make that the headline outcome of this presentation.

Thank you for your time and for the work the Commission is putting into this corridor.

Best,
Basil Jackson

From: Dante Medori
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
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Thank you for your time, leadership, and consideration of this vital public transit initiative.

Sincerely,

Dante Medori

From: Adrian Velonis
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 9:44:45 AM

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Hi,

I'm commenting to express support for including major **bicycle and pedestrian improvements** in the Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow plan. Having **safe, separated bicycle lanes** (with hardened protection to protect against motor vehicles) saves lives. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian islands, and shortened pedestrian crossing distances are all beneficial. In addition to improving safety, this infrastructure reduces traffic congestion by providing alternatives to driving.

Safety for vulnerable road users is important to me personally. A friend of mine was struck by a driver while riding her bicycle. She was riding safely, but the lack of protective concrete infrastructure caused the crash. PennDOT can eliminate future crashes by building out protected bike lanes along the full length of Roosevelt Boulevard, along with pedestrian infrastructure.

Bike facilities would also be valuable for transportation purposes. I would like to be able to safely ride my bike between the SEPTA B subway and Tacony Creek, but currently the route is very unsafe due to high-speed car traffic. I would use bike lanes to patronize businesses in North Philadelphia and Jenkintown. **Bike lanes on Roosevelt Boulevard** would provide a safe, efficient way to make this sort of trip. Also, I would like a safer bike route between Tacony Creek and Pennypack Creek. Bike lanes along the northern section of Roosevelt Boulevard would significantly contribute to a safer bike route to Newtown, where I attend cultural and musical performances, and further to the Delaware & Lehigh Canal Trail, which I use to visit friends and family in Bucks County, Northampton County, and Lehigh County.

I'm also asking for the Philadelphia City Planning Commission to prioritize the **Roosevelt Boulevard Subway** in the planning process. My household does not have a car, so accessing many locations in Northeast Philadelphia is currently difficult. I would like to be able to take the subway to Oxford Circle and Mayfair to visit friends and attend events. The RBS has been repeatedly shelved in planning processes over the last 100 years, but PennDOT should not delay any further. Philadelphia really needs subway access to the Northeast.

Sincerely,
Adrian Velonis
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From: Philip DiGiulio
To: Planning
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- Philip DiGiulio
733 Hartel Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19111

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From: James Nieves
To: Planning
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From: Brayan Orozco
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 1:20:45 AM

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Regards,
Brayan

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Dear Philadelphia Planning Commission,

I hope you are well. I'm writing because it is absolutely necessary and essential to fund the needs of our Philadelphia community. Public transit access is such a basic necessity of our community. That is why you, the Philadelphia Planning commission, must include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in your plan, and launch it into design and engineering immediately. It is shameful to neglect northeast Philly's freedom of movement. I trust you'll listen to the people and get on this.

Thank you for your time,
Peace and love to our civil servants,
Katie

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From: Eva McQuillan
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The City Planning Commission should Include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in its plan and advance the project to design and engineering. I am a resident of North Philly who often needs to travel to the Northeast. I don't have a car and the existing transit options make it extremely burdensome to reach destinations anywhere past Frankford TC. A Boulevard subway would be a gigantic improvement to Philadelphia and finally connect the isolated communities of the Northeast to the city as a whole.

Eva McQuillan

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I hope you are well. I'm writing because it is absolutely necessary and essential to fund the needs of our Philadelphia community. Public transit access is such a basic necessity of our community. That is why you, the Philadelphia Planning commission, must include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in your plan, and launch it into design and engineering immediately. It is shameful to neglect northeast Philly's freedom of movement. I trust you'll listen to the people and get on this.

Thank you for your time,
Peace and love to our civil servants,
Katie

From: Helena Gallant
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow.
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 10:36:31 AM

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Good day,

My name is Helena and I am a resident of Northeast Philly in the Torresdale neighborhood. I'm writing today to strongly encourage you to include the Roosevelt Boulevard subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering.

This subway line matters greatly to me as someone who is an avid transit user as well as an advocate for older adults with the SeniorLAW Center, and greatly desires to see more options for accessible, affordable, and consistently on-time transit. This subway system would open up more opportunities for Northeast Philly residents to get around, and would make us feel more connected to the rest of the city.

Thank you for your time and consideration in advance,
Helena

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Helena Tarker Gallant, MSW
She/Her/Hers pronouns
Cell:(215)896-9310
Email: helenagallant33@gmail.com

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: Indeed it's the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

From: Russell Dinkins
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Comment: Please include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering.

Philadelphia deserves world class transit, particularly as a city with a high percentage of the population who does not drive. The Northeast has long been a transit desert and plans for a subway extension have existed for a century.

It's time to finally build something that's long overdue and will connect that region to other parts of the city while also alleviating congestion by removing cars from the road.

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any typos.

From: Aradhna Johnson
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 11:19:34 AM

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Thank you for your consideration,
Aradhna Johnson (West Philly)

From: Basil Jackson
To: Planning
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To the Philadelphia City Planning Commission,

I'm writing ahead of tomorrow's — er, today's — hearing on Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow to ask that you move the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway into design and engineering now.

Roosevelt Boulevard has been one of the most dangerous corridors in the city for decades, and Philadelphia has been waiting on real transit investment there for nearly a century. A corridor that carries this much traffic and this much risk deserves more than another round of studies — it deserves a funded, engineered plan. Advancing the subway into design and engineering is the clearest way to show that this project is actually moving, not just being discussed again.

I'd urge the Commission to make that the headline outcome of this presentation.

Thank you for your time and for the work the Commission is putting into this corridor.

Best,
Basil Jackson

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From:	Clayton Ruley
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Hello,
As a Philadelphian, access to public transport and public transport that is timely and with variety is very important! We saw what happened when the I-95 fire happened and the impact on our fellow Philadelphians and neighbors ability to get in and out of the city. The Roosevelt Blvd Subway is an idea long overdue and can help expand access and timely access in and out of the city!

Please include the Roosevelt Blvd Subway plan and advance it into design and engineering. People shouldn't to take hours to get to work if they live, work or play in the NE and this will help to alleviate that.

Sent from my iPhone

From: John-Patrick Duffy
To: Planning
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Hello,

I'd like to make it known that I think the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway should be in the plan. It should be advanced into design and engineering with absolute urgency. We need efficient and accessible public transportation like this as the climate crisis worsens and worsens. Do your part.

John Duffy

From: isellspeed@aol.com
To: Planning
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Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 5:23:01 PM

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I am a lifelong, taxpaying resident of Northeast Philadelphia, and I strongly oppose this project.

I believe it would negatively affect our neighborhoods and property values, create additional public-safety concerns, and cost taxpayers billions of dollars that could be better invested elsewhere. Construction would likely take years, making traffic and congestion along Roosevelt Boulevard—already one of the city's most difficult roadways—even worse.

Before committing billions of taxpayer dollars to another SEPTA project, Philadelphia should address the essential services and infrastructure its residents depend on every day. Our aging power grid and sewer system need attention. Our streets and sidewalks are deteriorating. Our schools desperately need greater investment, and our police and fire departments need adequate staffing and resources.

Philadelphia residents already carry a significant tax burden. If the city has billions of dollars available, those funds should be used to repair existing infrastructure, improve essential services, strengthen public safety, or provide meaningful tax relief—not finance a massive project that many residents neither want nor believe will benefit their neighborhoods.

I also believe the decision-making process must be completely transparent. Council members and other officials supporting this proposal should publicly explain its true cost, how it will be funded, its effect on traffic and property values, and why it should take priority over Philadelphia's many urgent needs.

The taxpayers and residents who will bear the cost and disruption deserve to be heard. I urge city officials to reject this project and invest our tax dollars where they will provide direct, measurable benefits to the people and neighborhoods of Philadelphia.

Robert Norbeck

From: Raymond Phillips
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 5:49:10 PM

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To whom it may concern,

Good afternoon. I'm writing to express my excitement about tomorrow's event. PLEASE Include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering. It has been overdue for at least 110 years. It was always meant to be built, considering the unbuilt subway was in A. MERRITT TAYLOR'S initial subway plan. With the traffic levels increasing, the Northeast & Far Northeast population growth explosion and the wide median built-in to the Boulevard, this line will hit the ground running as soon as it's built. As they say, "If you build it, they will come." As a Philly-born and raised, I could have been using this line from the day I was born. Please don't let another 110 years go by without building this!

Sincerely,

Raymond T.L. Phillips

From: katerojas@tutamail.com
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard, for 9/17 1pm meeting
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 5:44:44 PM

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Dear Philadelphia City Planning Commission,

I live in Northeast Philadelphia, and I encourage you to include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan. Please advance it into design and engineering. The amount of traffic on the Boulevard makes the Northeast hard to navigate in terms of traveling quickly especially during rush hour. With the subway as an option, more people would ride instead of drive. Walking across would be safer, and there would also be less pollution from vehicle emissions for the thousands of residents who live on the Boulevard or on nearby streets.

Thank you,
Kate Rojas
4605 McKinley Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135
katerojas@tutamail.com

From: Eden MacDougall
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 5:01:00 PM

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I used to live in Lower Bucks and since I don't drive the only way to get to PetSmart and similar big box stores if I needed something was to walk to the library and catch the 14 bus and take that down the Boulevard. The 14 is a great bus but it takes forever to get anywhere and only comes once an hour. If I'd been able to take the bus to a subway, it would've freed up a lot of my time and made it easier to get in and out of Northeast Philly.

Thank you,
Eden MacDougall
25th & Locust streets

From: Louis Bartholomew
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 4:24:11 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Louis Bartholomew and I live in Washington Square West. I wanted to reach out to urge you to include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in your plans for the corridor and advance into design and engineering.

As someone who lives car-free but has friends and family in Northeast Philadelphia, it would be such a gift to be able to take a one-seat ride from Center City to Rising Sun and beyond.

A subway on this corridor would be one of the highest ridership lines in the country on Day 1. Combining the planning for the subway with proposed transit station upzoning would add density where it makes the most sense, giving Northeast Philadelphia access to exceptional public transit, as well as new businesses and varied housing options for residents.

Thank you for helping connect Northeast Philadelphia to the rest of the city!

Best,
Louis Bartholomew

From: Adrian Velonis
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 9:44:45 AM

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Hi,

I'm commenting to express support for including major **bicycle and pedestrian improvements** in the Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow plan. Having **safe, separated bicycle lanes** (with hardened protection to protect against motor vehicles) saves lives. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian islands, and shortened pedestrian crossing distances are all beneficial. In addition to improving safety, this infrastructure reduces traffic congestion by providing alternatives to driving.

Safety for vulnerable road users is important to me personally. A friend of mine was struck by a driver while riding her bicycle. She was riding safely, but the lack of protective concrete infrastructure caused the crash. PennDOT can eliminate future crashes by building out protected bike lanes along the full length of Roosevelt Boulevard, along with pedestrian infrastructure.

Bike facilities would also be valuable for transportation purposes. I would like to be able to safely ride my bike between the SEPTA B subway and Tacony Creek, but currently the route is very unsafe due to high-speed car traffic. I would use bike lanes to patronize businesses in North Philadelphia and Jenkintown. **Bike lanes on Roosevelt Boulevard** would provide a safe, efficient way to make this sort of trip. Also, I would like a safer bike route between Tacony Creek and Pennypack Creek. Bike lanes along the northern section of Roosevelt Boulevard would significantly contribute to a safer bike route to Newtown, where I attend cultural and musical performances, and further to the Delaware & Lehigh Canal Trail, which I use to visit friends and family in Bucks County, Northampton County, and Lehigh County.

I'm also asking for the Philadelphia City Planning Commission to prioritize the **Roosevelt Boulevard Subway** in the planning process. My household does not have a car, so accessing many locations in Northeast Philadelphia is currently difficult. I would like to be able to take the subway to Oxford Circle and Mayfair to visit friends and attend events. The RBS has been repeatedly shelved in planning processes over the last 100 years, but PennDOT should not delay any further. Philadelphia really needs subway access to the Northeast.

Sincerely,
Adrian Velonis
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From: Owen Barbagallo
To: planning@phila.gov; Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 1:51:41 AM

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Hello Planning Department,

Please advance the design for the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway. I am a regular user of the Broad Street Line and I always find it difficult and inconvenient to get to Northeast Philadelphia. With the subway I could teach friends a lot easier, and they could reach the city easier. This is important and will significantly improve the connectivity of the city. Please advance this project forward.

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Thank you,
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From: Philosofox the DJ
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4: Roosevelt Boulevard (Tomorrow)
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 4:58:31 PM

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Hello,

Please move the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway into design and engineering now!

I live in Lawncrest and work up near the north east airport and it would really help personally. Also my job has difficulty keeping workers from other parts of the city because of their difficulty getting back and forth in a timely manner without a subway.

Sincerely,

Dave Fox

From: Robert Brown
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item Four, Roosevelt Blvd Tomorrow
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 11:14:44 AM

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From: Sofia Love
To: Planning
Subject: Public comment on item 4, Roosevelt subway
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 9:17:32 AM

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Hello planning commission,
I am a resident of Philadelphia and an active transit user. I strongly urge you to advance the Roosevelt boulevard subway into the engineering and building phase. Having access to this infrastructure would benefit me and my community greatly and create a much more cohesive and equitable Philadelphia city. Thank you!

Sofia Love

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To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment REJECT Item 4 Roosevelt Blvd
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 6:16:34 AM

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It is time to see the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway move into design and engineering! This project is an opportunity to build a more connected Philadelphia, benefiting commuters of all kinds with better access to the places they work, live, and recreate.

From: Kevin Errico
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment, Agenda Item 4
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 8:53:25 AM

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Hello,

I am a citizen of Philadelphia and I'm writing an email in regards to agenda item four on today's (9/17) docket. I'm requesting that the Roosevelt Boulevard subway line be moved into design and engineering.

Our city desperately needs more public transportation and this is an investment we've all been looking forward to getting this new line for a long time.

Best,
-Kevin Errico

From: rolando de aguiar
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment, Agenda Item 4
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Rolando de Aguiar
Philadelphia

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Hello,
Move the Roosevelt Blvd Subway into design & engineering.

Building this subway will greatly benefit our city's economy and accessibility for all Philadelphians. It's about time we built it and stopped messing around.

Thank you.

From: Kyle Bannister
To: Planning
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Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 11:31:15 AM

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Best regards,
Kyle Bannister

From: Andrew Steelman
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From: danb419@proton.me
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I am also a transportation engineer, an Engineer-in-Training (EIT) and Road Safety Professional (RSP), and currently work as a transportation project manager in the Philadelphia and South Jersey region. I **specialize in traffic safety, crash analysis, and work associated with the Highway Safety Improvement Programs (HSIP).** My career as it currently exists would not be possible without NJTransit taking me up to Jersey City or NYC, and SEPTA taking me into Center City Philadelphia. The lack of transit options in Northeast Philadelphia exists as a **major gap** in my daily ability to travel the region without relying on my car, or increasingly infrequent Regional Rail trips.

That experience has reinforced an important lesson: **improving transportation safety requires looking beyond individual intersections and isolated countermeasures.** We must also consider roadway design, exposure to risk, the travel choices available to people, and how the transportation system functions as a whole.

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I recognize that a project of this magnitude requires rigorous technical evaluation, substantial funding, and coordination among multiple agencies. Supporting the subway does not mean disregarding those challenges. It means establishing a credible process for answering them.

I respectfully ask the Commission to affirm the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway as a serious component of the corridor's long-term vision and clarify the pathway for its continued advancement. That includes identifying the next appropriate phase of technical work, the agencies responsible for it, and the decisions necessary to move the project forward.

Northeast Philadelphia needs immediate safety improvements and a serious examination of transformative long-term transportation investments. These objectives should complement one another, not be treated as competing visions for the Boulevard.

Having grown up alongside this corridor and subsequently built my career in transportation, I care deeply about both its immediate safety and its long-term potential. I hope this planning process establishes a clear foundation for addressing both.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Bhaumik, EIT, RSP1

Transportation Project Manager

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Cc: Planning
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> On Sep 12, 2026, at 6:36 PM, Kevin Connolly <kevinjconnolly@gmail.com> wrote:
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> Hello,
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> I'm trying to understand the zoning and permit history of 5060 McKean Ave.
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> My understanding is that this property was originally a single-family home and was vacant/abandoned for a period of time. It currently appears to have been divided into two residential units and has two separate utility meters. I also see that the property is currently zoned RSA-5, which I understand to be a single-family residential zoning classification.
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> The property also has a significant history of violations, with more than 48 violations showing in the available records.
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> Someone is now working on the property with the apparent intention of fixing it up and selling it, and I would like to understand exactly what the legal status of the property is before it is sold.
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> Could you please tell me:
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> 1. When and how was the property legally converted from a single-family dwelling to two dwelling units?
> 2. Was a zoning permit, variance, building permit, or other approval issued allowing the two-family use?
> 3. Is the two-unit use currently recognized as a legal use by

L&I?

4. Are the two separate utility meters associated with legally approved dwelling units?
5. Is there a current Certificate of Occupancy or other documentation establishing the property as a two-family dwelling?
6. Are there any outstanding violations or permits that would prevent the property from being legally occupied or sold as a two-unit property?

I am not necessarily assuming that anything improper occurred. I simply want to understand how a property that appears to have been a single-family home ended up as two apartments and whether that use is still legally recognized today.

Thank you for your help.

Best,
Kevin

From: Dennis Barnebey
To: Planning
Subject: Roosevelt blvd
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 8:33:05 AM

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From: Kali
To: Planning
Subject: Roosevelt boulevard subway
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 5:19:38 PM

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I am writing in support of moving the Roosevelt Boulevard subway into the design and engineering stages.

Those portions of the city are severely underserved by the current SEPTA infrastructure, and it would dramatically improve both ridership for SEPTA and traffic for the rest of the city.

Sincerely,
Kali DeDominicis

From: Kali Morgan
To: Planning
Subject: TODAY Fund the Roosevelt Blvd Subway!
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 9:31:57 AM

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Subject: TODAY Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 9:11:03 AM

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Hello.

I am a Philadelphia citizen in North Philadelphia. I am writing to strongly encourage you to include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering.

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Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow

From Aden Yac <aden86@gmail.com>
Date Thu 9/17/2026 12:04 PM
To Planning <Planning@phila.gov>

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Hello,

Please make sure that Roosevelt Blvd heavy rail transit option 4A or 4B are moved to the next study phase. The heavy rail transit options have higher benefits and lower costs than in PennDOT's tier 1 analysis.

Thank you,
Aden Yacobi

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Support for a Roosevelt Blvd Transformation

From Ashlei Tracy <ashlei@tstc.org>
Date Thu 9/17/2026 1:08 PM
To Planning <Planning@phila.gov>

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Apologies this is after the noon deadline but for the public record I would like to note my utmost support for Rapid Bus or Subway system at the Roosevelt Blvd followed by rezoning for Transit Oriented Communities.

This is a no-brainer. Roosevelt Blvd is one of Philly's most dangerous streets. We need to incentivize folks using public transportation over cars, Not only that, robust public transit calvanizes economies and lowers greenhouse gas emissions. The longer we hold out on this transformation the more expensive the build will be, that's just a fact. We need this transformation NOW.

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In Community,

Ashlei Tracy
Director of Active Transportation
Tri-State Transportation Campaign
Mobilizing The Region because everyone deserves safer streets, cleaner air, equal access, and the freedom to get around.
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Public Comment

From Nick Custodio <Nick.Custodio@Phila.gov>
Date Thu 9/17/2026 2:44 PM
To Planning <Planning@phila.gov>
Cc Lisa Deeley <Lisa.Deeley@Phila.gov>

Please see the comment below from Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley:

I apologize, I meant to make a public comment following Kyle's presentation, but I got disconnected.

I am Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, but I am commenting today as a lifelong Northeast resident. For over 50 years, I lived at Borbeck and Roosevelt Blvd., right behind Gary Barbera (Boy I Guess!). I have seen firsthand how the lack of connectivity is hurting the Great Northeast. Those of us who work downtown or want to connect to the larger infrastructure have to spend hours of our lives either sitting in traffic on I-95, with its never-ending construction, or sitting for hours on a bus to get to Bridge and Pratt.

If we want the Northeast to grow and keep up with the rest of the city, the Northeast needs to keep up with the times. When families are looking for a place to live, they are attracted by easy access to public transit. The ability to get into the subway system right on the Boulevard and exit at their job downtown or at the stadiums a short time later is a major attraction. Right now, we are losing those home buyers to better-connected areas that are seeing higher growth. In short, our lack of reliable high-speed transit is negatively affecting housing values and is one reason why we are seeing some of our neighborhoods decline in recent years.

That is why I enthusiastically support the Roosevelt Boulevard project and would like to see it move forward.

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Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow

From Charles Steele <chukchukyuk@gmail.com>
Date Thu 9/17/2026 3:05 PM
To Planning <Planning@phila.gov>

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Include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance it into design and engineering. I grew up at Cottman and Castor. If that subway existed when I was growing up , I'd have made my working class family's life much easier.

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Public Comment on Agenda Item 4, Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow

From patrick ricciardi <patrick211@gmail.com>
Date Thu 9/17/2026 6:49 PM
To Planning <Planning@phila.gov>

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Dear Members of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission,

I am writing as a Northeast Philadelphia resident to submit public comment on Agenda Item 4 (Roosevelt Boulevard Tomorrow). I strongly urge the Commission to include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan and advance the project into design and engineering immediately.

For over a century, Northeast Philadelphia has waited for a direct rapid rail transit connection to the rest of the city. While SEPTA Regional Rail is a vital regional asset, its stations primarily hug the edges of our community, leaving vast, densely populated residential neighborhoods underserved and without high-frequency, walkable rail transit.

Advancing the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway would be a transformative investment for the Northeast and all of Philadelphia.

Fills Crucial Transit Gaps: Regional Rail is great, but it doesn't reach the core of the Northeast where hundreds of thousands of people live. A subway directly along the Boulevard corridor would provide true, high-frequency rapid transit to the large populations currently left with only slow, crowded bus transfers or car dependency.

Direct Access to Center City & Jobs: It would dramatically cut commute times into Center City, providing dependable, fast access to employment centers, healthcare, and downtown cultural destinations without the stress of daily gridlock.

Hassle-Free Travel to Sporting Events: Heading down to the South Philadelphia Sports Complex for games and events is currently an ordeal. A direct connection into the broader subway network would allow residents to bypass bumper-to-bumper traffic on I-95 and Roosevelt Boulevard, skip expensive stadium parking, and travel across the city affordably.

Substantial Traffic Relief & Safety: Roosevelt Boulevard remains one of the most dangerous and congested roads in the nation. Building grade-separated, high-capacity rail transit is the single most effective way to take thousands of cars off the road every single day, improving safety for motorists and pedestrians alike.

A century of waiting is long enough. Northeast Philadelphia deserves modern, equitable transit access. Please listen to our community, include the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway in the plan, and move it into design and engineering now.

Thank you for your time and dedication to our city.

Sincerely,

Patrick Ricciardi

Northeast Philadelphia Resident

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Public Comment, Agenda Item 4

From Ketsu <ketsuv7@gmail.com>
Date Fri 9/18/2026 2:49 AM
To Planning <Planning@phila.gov>

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Hello! I'm a long time Philly resident writing to say that we'd all love to see the Roosevelt Boulevard Subway advanced into the design and engineering phase.

This would be a generational investment in safety, convenience, and sustainability for the hundreds of thousands of people living car-dependent in the northeast, dealing with the financial and physical consequences of that life.

I hope it goes forward!

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Item #4. Roosevelt Boulevard

From Isabelle M <isabellem0217@icloud.com>
Date Fri 9/18/2026 8:53 AM
To Planning <Planning@phila.gov>
Cc Angela Salapata <angelasalapata57@gmail.com>

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Please be advised that a subway on Roosevelt Boulevard is not wanted nor needed in NE Philadelphia. It will only invite more crime in our neighborhoods and the subway stations will become hangouts for the drug addicts and homeless. Septa can't handle existing subway/elevated lines and we have lanes for just buses on the boulevard not to mention the addition of speed cameras.
Vote NO for a subway on Roosevelt Blvd.

Sincerely,
Isabelle Martorelli
7927 Calvert Street
Philadelphia, PA 19152
215-760-7686

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Roosevelt Blvd

From Angela Salapata <angelasalapata57@gmail.com>
Date Fri 9/18/2026 9:36 AM
To Planning <Planning@phila.gov>

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Fri, Sep 18, 2026 at 8:52 AM

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