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City Activates Emergency Operations Center

PHILADELPHIA, PA – City of Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter activated the City's Emergency Operations Center at 5:30 a.m. this morning to monitor and coordinate the City's planning and response efforts due to SEPTA service interruptions in Philadephia. Representatives from the Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia Fire Department, Streets Department, Licenses and Inspections, Fleet Management, Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management, Philadelphia Parking Authority, Pennsylvania State Police, PennDOT, School District of Philadelphia, Delaware Valley Health Council, Center City District and SEPTA are staffing the EOC.

The following important service information contains useful travel tips to assist riders as Bus, Subway, and Trolley service is discontinued.

SEPTA reports the following services will not run: Broad Street Line and Broad-Ridge Spur Market-Frankford Line All City Transit bus, trolley and trackless trolley routes Frontier Division bus routes

The following services will run:

Regional Rail Train service will be the best choice for travel in and around Philadelphia Suburban Transit Bus Routes 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109-114, 115, 117-120, 123 & 125; the Route 101 & 102 Trolley; the Norristown High Speed Line; and contract routes 204, 205, 306, 310 and 314 Route service will change for those buses that normally travel into the City. LUCY (Loop through University City) Green and Gold Loop service will operate regular routing from 30th Street Station to selected University City destinations CCT Connect Regular service will operate for registered ADA and Shared Ride customers. There may be some delays due to increased demand and local street traffic

For SEPTA's full Service Interruption Guide and other related information please visit www.septa.org/sip.

To reach SEPTA Customer Service call 215-580-7800 (TDD/TYY 215-580-7853. Extended hours will be in effect beginning at 6:00 a.m.

The City of Philadelphia has relaxed some parking restrictions during this transportation emergency. See attached list and map for the relaxed parking restrictions. Residents can also download this information at <u>www.phila.gov/ready</u>.

Normal parking regulations will be suspended in these locations only for the duration of the transportation emergency. All other regulations will be strictly enforced, except that vehicles will be permitted to stop briefly in bus zones to pick up or discharge passengers.

Managing Director Camille Cates Barnett has indicated that shuttle bus service from several remote parking lots and pedestrian pickup points to the Municipal Services Building is available for City employees (with City identification), employees of various Authorities and jurors. The parking sites for City employees opened at 6:30 a.m. These sites include Delaware and Spring Garden, 8th and Poplar, and Belmont and South Concourse Drive. Passenger transport vehicles will start at 6:30 a.m. and stop at 9:30 a.m. Evening pick up will start at 3:00 p.m. and stop at 7:00 p.m. There will be 12 vehicles at Delaware and Spring Garden; six will go up Spring Garden and six will Go Up Broad Street. Eight vehicles will be at Memorial Hall or Belmont and South Concourse Drive. Five vehicles will be located at Poplar Street.

Mayor Nutter encourages residents to be cautious and patient when traveling and asks them to leave early and get a head start when traveling. Residents should consider car pooling or bicycling to and from work. Mayor Nutter also reminds residents to vote early today as part of their civic duty.

Philadephia public schools are closed today due to Election Day.

To get the latest information during the SEPTA service interruption, sign up for text alerts from ReadyNotifyPA at <u>www.phila.gov/ready</u> or following the Office of Emergency Management on its social media networking sites: Twitter, MySpace, FaceBook, LinkedIn, or Blogspot also at <u>www.phila.gov/ready</u>.

