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For Immediate Release:

**City Activates Emergency Operations Center
for Morning Rush Hour, November 4**

PHILADELPHIA, PA – The City of Philadelphia has activated the City's Emergency Operations Center on Thursday, November 4 to monitor and coordinate the City's planning and response efforts due to SEPTA service interruptions in Philadelphia during the morning rush hour.

Representatives from the Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia Fire Department, Fleet Management, Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management, Philly 3-1-1, Philadelphia Parking Authority, Pennsylvania State Police, School District of Philadelphia, Delaware Valley Health Council, Sheriff's Office, and SEPTA are staffing the EOC.

SEPTA reports the following services are not running:

- 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 are running:

- 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.

The School District of Philadelphia reports that all Philadelphia public schools and administrative offices will be open and all after school programs will operate as scheduled. Yellow school bus service will continue to be provided for those students who normally receive yellow bus service. Yellow school bus service cannot transport students who normally ride SEPTA. Parents, who have children that usually take SEPTA to school, should make alternate transportation arrangements for children to attend school. If a student cannot attend school due to the SEPTA service interruption, parents should contact the child's teacher for assignments.

The Pennsylvania State Police report there are no major incidents or delays on State highways. The Philadelphia Police Department also reports there are no major incidents or delays on City roads.

The City of Philadelphia reminds travelers that there will be some relaxed parking restrictions during this transportation emergency. A list and map for the relaxed parking restrictions are available at www.phila.gov/ready. 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.

The Philadelphia Parking Authority has issued an order expanding the number of vehicles permitted to provide traditional taxicab service in Philadelphia. The order will permit "shared rides" in all such taxicabs, which is not typically permitted (different people going to different places). It will also permit all limousines, partial rights cabs and county cabs to provide service to customers in the city. Such Alternative Taxicab service should be provided with a special emphasis on serving the following sites: Philadelphia International Airport; Pennsylvania Convention Center; train and bus terminals; hotels; and areas designated for special events.

Alternative cabs operating during this weekend will charge \$28.50 for trips between the Philadelphia International Airport and Center City. This current \$28.50 flat rate between the Airport and Center City, may also be charged by meterless Alternative Taxicabs for the same trip. All fares charged by vehicles unequipped with a meter will be by mileage, calculated by the odometer being set at zero before each trip. This method of mileage calculation will be explained to all passengers before they begin their trip.

The mileage rate for all “alternative taxicabs” will be \$2.50 for sedans and \$3.00 for stretch limousines. The mileage rate for any trip may not fluctuate based on the number of passengers. No charge may be made for additional passengers.

The Mayor’s Office of Transportation and Utilities and the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia encourage bus, subway and trolley riders travelers to bike instead of drive during the duration of the transit strike. Deputy Mayor Rina Cutler urges bikers and drivers to show respect and consideration to each other and pedestrians. To facilitate bike commuting the Bicycle Coalition of Philadelphia and the City of Philadelphia have set up the temporary bicycle parking at the north end of Dilworth Plaza, in the shadow of City Hall. Free coffee, bike maps and safe bicycling handouts will be provided by the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. For those who cannot bike to their destinations, the City encourages car pooling.

A 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.

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).

To get the latest information during the SEPTA service interruption, sign up for text alerts from ReadyNotifyPA at www.phila.gov/ready or following the Office of Emergency Management on its social media networking sites: Twitter, MySpace, Facebook, LinkedIn, or Blogspot also at www.phila.gov/ready. In addition, the City’s 3-1-1 Center is offering extended hours from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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