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Emergency Operations Center Deactivated

Mayor Michael A. Nutter has announced that the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated for this morning's rush hour has been deactivated. The EOC will resume operations at 3:30 p.m. today to monitor and coordinate City services during the SEPTA Service Interruptions.

Streets Department Commissioner Clarena I. W. Tolson reports that any necessary emergency and scheduled road construction will occur between 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. during the SEPTA service interruption, while road construction scheduled for major arterial roads in Philadelphia will be pushed to night work.

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 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.

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 for the duration of the SEPTA service interruption. The parking sites for City employees will open 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 Philadelphians that today is Election Day and encourages them to go to polling sites early to vote.

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.

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