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## **SEPTA to Hold Operating Budget Hearings April 15 through April 23**

### ***Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Plan Maintains Current Service Levels; No Fare Increase***

PHILADELPHIA (April 10, 2019) – Starting Monday, April 15, SEPTA will hold a series of public hearings throughout the region on the Authority’s proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget and Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Financial Plan.

The proposed Operating Budget is \$1.49 billion, and maintains current SEPTA service levels, with no increase in fares for riders. Fiscal Year 2020 is the 12-month period that begins July 1, 2019 and ends June 30, 2020. The operating budget provides funding for the everyday costs of running the transit system, such as labor, fuel and power. The full budget proposal is available online at <http://septa.org/strategic-plan/2020-03-operating-budget-proposal.pdf>.

Hearings will be held in each of the five counties in the SEPTA service region from Monday, April 15 through Tuesday, April 23. Customers, residents, stakeholders and other members of the public are encouraged to attend, ask questions and submit comments. An independent Hearing Examiner will attend all sessions, and make recommendations before the proposal goes to the SEPTA Board for a vote.

The public hearing schedule is as follows:

- Monday, April 15: Chester County – West Chester Municipal Building, Council Chambers Room, 401 E. Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380. Sessions at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 16: Delaware County Court House/Government Center Building, County Council Room-1st Floor; 201 West Front Street, Media, PA. Sessions at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 17: (Philadelphia) SEPTA Headquarters - Board Room, Mezzanine Level; 1234 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA. Sessions at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Thursday, April 18: Bucks County Free Library, Pearl Buck Room; 150 South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA. Sessions at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 23: Montgomery County Human Services Center Community Room, Main Floor; 1430 DeKalb Street, Norristown, PA. Sessions at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

To view the hearing notice or submit comments online, please visit <http://septa.org/notice/2020-operating-budget-hearing.html>.

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