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## **FTA Grants King of Prussia Rail Project Entry into New Starts Development Phase of Capital Investment Grant Program**

PHILADELPHIA (October 11, 2021) – SEPTA today announced that the King of Prussia Rail (KOP Rail) project has been granted entry into the Project Development Phase under the Federal Transportation Administration’s (FTA) Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program. Acceptance into the Project Development Phase demonstrates SEPTA’s commitment to KOP Rail. It also serves as a critical milestone in seeking federal funding support and provides the opportunity for continued coordination with the FTA.

The CIG program appropriates funds for light, heavy, and commuter rail projects, streetcar, and bus rapid transit projects. New Starts provides approximately \$2.3 billion per year in federal funding to transit projects across the United States, including extensions to existing systems like the Norristown High Speed Line.

The KOP Rail project will extend the existing Norristown High Speed Line four miles into King of Prussia. This extension gives workers, shoppers, students, and visitors convenient and reliable access between Center City, University City, and King of Prussia – the region’s three largest employment centers – in 45 minutes.

“The KOP Rail project is necessary to support evolving needs and develop a 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation solution for the region,” said SEPTA General Manager and CEO Leslie S. Richards.

KOP Rail is a key component of [SEPTA Forward](#), SEPTA’s Strategic Plan, which focuses on increased connectivity, access, and equity. Together with other SEPTA Forward initiatives, such as Trolley Modernization and Bus Revolution, it promotes and strengthens regional growth, and connects people with opportunity.

During this stage of the project, SEPTA is focused on evaluating program delivery options and completing 30% design of the infrastructure.

“Over the last several years, SEPTA has invested in the technical planning, environmental analysis, public outreach, and initial technical work necessary to make this phase successful,” said SEPTA Assistant General Manager of Planning Jody Holton. “We will continue to work closely with the local communities and stakeholders as the design progresses on this critical project.”

For more information about KOP Rail, visit [kingofprussiarail.com](http://kingofprussiarail.com).

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