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## **SEPTA Announces Tentative Contract Agreement with TWU Local 234**

PHILADELPHIA (October 29, 2021) – SEPTA today announced that a tentative agreement has been reached with TWU Local 234 on a new contract for employees in the City, Suburban and Frontier Transit Divisions. This tentative contract will allow for service to continue without disruption, including on city subways, buses and trolleys.

The agreement is for two years, and provides for wage increases, a one-time pandemic payment, paid parental leave and other benefits, and adds Juneteenth as a paid holiday. The agreement will be finalized pending ratification by TWU Local 234 members and approval by the SEPTA Board.

“We are pleased to reach an agreement with union leadership on a contract that is fair to our employees and financially responsible for SEPTA,” said SEPTA Board Chairman Pasquale T. Deon Sr. “I look forward to the SEPTA Board’s vote on the contract at its next meeting.”

Negotiations were focused on finding a way to recognize employees’ hard work, particularly with the challenges of COVID-19, and ensuring that SEPTA is in the best possible position to build ridership as the recovery continues.

“SEPTA’s frontline employees were critical to keeping our region moving during the worst of the pandemic, and this agreement reflects their dedication and sacrifice,” said SEPTA CEO and General Manager Leslie S. Richards. “I would like to thank the negotiating teams on both sides of the table for working in good faith to reach an agreement amid what are truly unprecedented challenges.”

With the tentative contract in place, SEPTA riders are assured that there will not be a work stoppage at the start of the Monday morning commute. All services will operate on regular schedules.

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