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Mr. Scott Sauer
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Subject: Approval – Revised Action Plan and Implementation Schedule for Special Directive 24-3, Finding 6, Required Action 3 (FTA-24-3-006-3)

Dear Mr. Sauer:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed and approves the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's (SEPTA) June 13, 2025 revisions to the Action Plan and implementation schedule for Finding 6, Required Action 3 from Special Directive 24-3 issued to SEPTA.

SEPTA should proceed with implementing the approved revised plan in accordance with the provided timeline. Strict adherence to the established schedule and deliverables is required. FTA will continue to provide close oversight of SEPTA's progress through:

- regular progress updates during biweekly meetings
- comprehensive verification activities
- ongoing collaboration to identify opportunities to expedite implementation

The attached Evaluation Matrix outlines preliminary verification activities FTA plans to undertake to assess SEPTA's progress. FTA may incorporate further verification efforts.

Please contact Special Directive Coordinator Syed Ahmed at syed.ahmed@dot.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

Joe DeLorenzo
Associate Administrator and
Chief Safety Officer
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight

Attachment: Revised FTA-24-3-006-3 Action Plan and Implementation Schedule Evaluation Matrix

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