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Subject: Closeout for Required Action FTA-24-5-001 (SEPTA Compliance with Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program Requirements)

Dear Ms. Biggica,

With this letter, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is closing required action FTA-24-5-001. FTA issued FTA-24-5-001 to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) as part of Special Directive (SD) 24-5 to ensure the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) complies with the Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP).

Closeout for FTA-24-5-001 (SEPTA Compliance with Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program Requirements)

Required Action FTA-24-5-001 says the following:

“PennDOT must provide FTA with the list of SEPTA’s designated personnel enrolled in the PTSCTP (49 CFR § 672.21(a)). Thereafter, PennDOT must provide quarterly updates documenting that designated SEPTA personnel are completing the applicable training requirements within three years of their designation and, thereafter, complete refresher training every two years (49 CFR § 672.13(c)) ”

To address this required action, PennDOT submitted a list of SEPTA’s designated rail transit personnel enrolled in the PTSCTP and submitted three quarterly updates covering: (1) August through October 2024, (2) November 2024 through January 2025, and (3) February through April 2025.

Conclusion

FTA carefully evaluated the submitted documentation and reviewed the submissions with PennDOT during meetings on SD 24-5 between August 2024 and May 2025. FTA finds that PennDOT satisfied the requirements of FTA-24-5-001. This required action is now closed. FTA will continue to monitor PennDOT's activities to oversee SEPTA's compliance with the PTSCTP and may conduct a final verification as part of future efforts to confirm PennDOT's satisfaction of requirements related to SD 24-5.

Please contact Syed T. Ahmed, Special Directive Manager, at Syed.Ahmed[@dot.gov](mailto:Syed.Ahmed@dot.gov) with any questions.

Sincerely,



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