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Subject: Approval – Extension Request for Required Action FTA-24-3-006-4 from Special Directive 24-3

Dear Mr. Sauer:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approves the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's (SEPTA) September 1, 2025, extension request for Action Item 4 from the Action Plan SEPTA previously submitted and FTA approved on May 20, 2025, to address Required Action FTA-24-3-006-4 from Special Directive 24-3. This extension request extends the due date for Action Item 4, from September 30, 2025 to January 31, 2026.

Background

As noted in SEPTA's extension request, Action Item 4, originally due September 30, 2025, is a Current State Assessment Report, in which SEPTA will document its evaluation of the current state of construction detour management. SEPTA's request identified concurrent, competing priorities, including the significant impacts of route revision and elimination driven by SEPTA's current budget crisis, that have delayed the agency's evaluation.

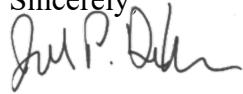
Action Item 5 of the same Action Plan, the Recommended Actions Report, due January 31, 2026, will build on the evaluation in Action Item 4. SEPTA proposed submitting both Action Item 4 and Action Item 5 by January 31, 2026.

Next Steps and Conclusion

FTA is formally extending the due date for Action Item 4, from September 30, 2025, to January 31, 2026. As part of this extension, SEPTA must provide a verbal update no less than every month during regularly scheduled SD 24-3 meetings, including a review of overall report structure and general progress. Further extension requests may not be approved.

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

Sincerely



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