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Mr. Scott Sauer
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Subject: Approval – Extension Request for Required Action FTA-24-3-010 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 Items 28-33 associated with the Action Plan and schedule SEPTA previously submitted pursuant to Required Action FTA-24-3-010 from Special Directive 24-3. Action Items 28-31, originally due September 1, 2025, are now due March 2, 2026. Action Items 32-33, originally due October 1, 2025, are now due April 1, 2026.

Background

Required Action FTA-24-3-010 requires SEPTA to “develop an action plan and schedule for radio enhancements to improve and monitor radio performance. ... SEPTA must submit this plan and implementation schedule to FTA for review, approval, and implementation monitoring.” SEPTA timely submitted the Action Plan and schedule, and FTA approved on March 26, 2025.

Action Items 28-33 associated with the Action Plan and schedule involve commercial underground cellular site installation by an external service provider. The construction and installation timelines are affected by the external service provider's commercial schedule. Because of delays with that schedule, which is outside SEPTA's direct control, on September 1, 2025, SEPTA asked FTA to extend the deadlines for Action Items 28-31 (originally due September 1, 2025) and Action Items 32-33 (originally due October 1, 2025).

Next Steps and Conclusion

FTA is formally extending the due dates for the impacted Action Items as follows: Action Items 28-31 are now due March 2, 2026. Action Items 32-33 are now due April 1, 2026. FTA expects SEPTA to provide regular progress updates and to maintain proactive coordination and

communication with the external service provider to ensure that all deadlines are met. 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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