

City Activates Emergency Operations Center for SEPTA Strike

Philadelphia, PA- The Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management (OEM) activated the City's Emergency Operation Center (EOC) at 5 a.m. this morning to coordinate city services during the SEPTA service interruption.

The limited activation is in response to the Transport Workers Union (TWU) Local 234 SEPTA City Transit Division work stoppage.

The City's EOC will coordinate the shuttle bus transportation of City workers and jurors, while maintaining situational awareness of the transit disruption on traffic conditions, to ensure City government and services remain open during the strike.

Partner agencies present in the EOC include; Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia Fire Department, Streets Department, Fleet Management, Public Property, SEPTA, Philadelphia Parking Authority, and PennDOT.

Other important information for the public includes:

- The Philadelphia Parking Authority has modified rates for PPA garages and parking enforcement in designated areas for the duration of the SEPTA strike. For more information on PPA's changes, visit our news section on www.phila.gov/ready.
- Parking is prohibited on both sides of Broad Street, from Spring Garden to South Street.
- Bus Zones may be used by any vehicle to drop-off and pick-up passengers. Vehicles may not be left unattended.
- The City will provide a free shuttle **for City employees** along the Broad St line and Market Frankford line. All riders must show proof of city employment.
- Non-city employees are encouraged to work with their employers for alternate transportation plans and strategies.

- Jurors are also allowed to take the employee shuttle with proper documentation and photo ID, and will receive direction when they call to confirm their reporting times.
- IndeGo will increase capacity at 4 key stations in Center City and will offer a valet service at the Municipal Services Building to allow for efficient check in and out. For more information or to sign up for IndeGo visit their website <https://www.rideindego.com/> and follow them on Twitter @RideIndego.
- Employees and Philadelphia residents are encouraged to sign up for ReadyPhiladelphia, the City's emergency text and email alert system, to receive important information regarding transit and travel. People can sign up for alerts by visiting the Office of Emergency Management's website www.phila.gov/ready.

The EOC will operate from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, but may be adjusted given transportation and public safety needs.

Questions related to the coordination of city services due to the SEPTA strike may be directed to the EOC public information officer at 215-686-1102 (Note: This number is staffed only when the EOC is activated).

SEPTA media relations should be contacted at 215-580-7842 with any questions relevant to contract negotiations or issues with direct correlation to SEPTA.