

SEPTA FORWARD: BUS REVOLUTION

Fall 2023 Recommendations



Overview of Changes

SEPTA Forward: Bus Revolution is sharing recommendations for bus service improvements.

The recommendations will include changes to 77 of the 125 SEPTA bus routes and the introduction of 16 new routes. The changes are designed to make the bus network more reliable, bring frequent bus routes closer to more people and jobs, and create a network that is easier to understand and use.

Bus Revolution Recommendations

- Increasing the number of bus routes that operate frequently (at least every 15 minutes) on weekdays by 30%—from 33 to 43. All 43 routes will also operate frequently for much of the day on Saturdays and Sundays, representing a huge increase from today. An additional 1.1 million people will be within a 10-minute walk of frequent bus service, compared to today.
- Making the service more efficient to operate and easier to understand by combining similar routes and redesigning them to make them operate more directly. These changes will reduce the number of SEPTA bus routes overall from 125 routes (currently) to 106 (recommended).
- Introducing eight SEPTA on-demand zones, where riders will be able to request a ride and be picked up within 30 minutes. Riders will be able to travel anywhere within a zone and/or connect to SEPTA's other transit services (bus, Metro, and/or Regional Rail Stations).

The Bus Revolution will have many positive impacts for riders and people living and working in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Compared to SEPTA service today:

- The number of frequent bus routes will increase by 30%.
- An additional 1.1 million people will be within a 10-minute walk of frequent bus service.
- More than 99% of bus riders within a 5-minute walk of a bus route will still be within a 5-minute walk of a bus route.



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RECOMMENDATION HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the changes to bus routes that we are most excited about include the following:

- **Route 53 Carpenter Lane Station to Richmond-Westmoreland** will be extended and made more frequent to provide a new crosstown connection between Germantown, the Broad Street Line, the Market-Frankford Line, and Richmond
- **Route 57 Front-Dauphin to 4th-Oregon** was redesigned to connect York-Dauphin Station with South Philadelphia. Bus service will be more frequent and make north-south trips to Pennsport, Queen Village, Society Hill, and the Northern Liberties more reliable, faster, and more convenient.
- **Route 79 40th-Market to Pier 70** will be extended to the Market-Frankford Line in West Philly to improve access to jobs in University City for many South Philly residents.
- More frequent service in Delaware County with new all-day 7 day/week frequent service on **Route 109 Chester Transit Center to 69th Street Transit Center** and **Route 113 Chester Transit Center to Darby Transit Center to 69th Street Transit Center**.
- Faster and more frequent connections between King of Prussia, the Norristown High Speed Line, Norristown, and Plymouth Meeting Mall with extended and much more frequent service on **Route 98**.
- **Route 64 50th-Parkside Loop to Pier 70** that connects South Philadelphia, University City, and neighborhoods in West Philadelphia, providing reliable, fast, and direct connections between neighborhoods and medical services, jobs and shopping centers.
- An updated **Route 65** will connect major SEPTA transit centers - 69th Street, Wissahickon, Olney and Fern Rock - making it easier to travel across town without going into Center City.
- **Route 37 Broad-Snyder to Philadelphia International Airport** creates a shorter, more reliable, and more direct connection from the Broad Street Line (Snyder Station) to the airport. Frequent service will operate every day of the week and operate without stops on Industrial Highway making getting to the airport faster and more reliable.
- **Route 87 Bucks County Technical Park to Frankford-Gregg** will provide connections between Neshaminy Mall, Parx Casino, and Philadelphia Mills Mall and the Frankford Transit Center. Another new route - **Route 88 Frankford-Gregg Loop to Frankford Transit Center** means riders will have access to major employment, shopping, and entertainment centers in Northeast Philly from the Frankford Transit Center.
- The Bus Revolution will increase the number of frequent bus routes that east-west between West Philadelphia and South Philadelphia. There will be six frequent east-west bus routes between Market and Oregon (**Routes 21, 29, 42, 63, 64 and 79**).
- **Route 43 Richmond-Cumberland to 69th Street Transit Center** will provide frequent, reliable service along Spring Garden Avenue between Richmond and West Philadelphia.

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