

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Ms. Jamie Pfister
Acting Executive Director
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. Pfister,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) to the Federal Transit Administration's All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP). This funding is necessary to support accessibility improvements at three trolley stations in the City of Philadelphia.

Originally built in 1955, SEPTA's 22nd Street, 33rd Street, and 36th Street Stations are among the busiest on the Authority's subway-surface trolley network. These stations provide critical access points to the Center City Trolley Tunnel, which connects more than 60,000 daily riders to the region's largest employment centers in Center City and University City. The requested funding will allow SEPTA to bring these stations into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Specifically, this project will provide elevators, new raised platforms, and other enhancements that will improve the rider experience. These improvements will make the stations fully accessible for individuals who require the use of a mobility device, or anyone who is unable to use stairs, allowing all riders to access SEPTA's services, as well as nearby businesses, schools, and essential services. Importantly, this effort is critical to the Authority's broader Trolley Modernization initiative, which aims to replace SEPTA's 44-year-old trolley fleet with new fully accessible vehicles and improve safety and reliability along one of the nation's largest trolley networks.

I urge you to give the application full and fair consideration. Feel free to contact my office at (202) 224-4254 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Fetterman', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and 'F'.

John Fetterman
United States Senator