

The time for transportation funding action is now

As many of you have heard, SEPTA has been forced to cancel or postpone crucial capital improvements because plans to toll I-80 were rejected and over \$100 million in annual Act 44 funding will run out next month.

These projects include replacement of deteriorated infrastructure like power substations, modernization of important facilities like City Hall stations, and service enhancements like a new fare system and restoration of service from Elwyn to Wawa.

Unless we find new funding to pay for these projects, we won't be able to catch up with the backlog of deferred maintenance, and system failures will cause more and more service delays and shutdowns.

The problem doesn't just affect transit. Funding for highways and bridges in all parts of the state, urban and rural, is also running out. Roads will get worse and bridges will be restricted or condemned if we don't take action.

Be part of the solution

What can you do to make sure your train service remains in safe and reliable condition? DVARP is monitoring progress in Harrisburg toward a new transportation funding solution.

Call us at 215-RAILWAY or e-mail mail@dvarp.org to sign up for our action alerts and we'll e-mail you the latest information about funding plans and efforts to build support for a better transportation system.

Step 1: Write letters

Right now we're asking our members and other supporters of public transportation to write letters to their state elected officials and to local newspapers calling attention to decaying transportation infrastructure: including transit facilities, highway bridges, and more, in all parts of this state. Local newspapers and other media are a very effective way to get this message out, neighbor to neighbor.

Consider writing a letter about a visible piece of infrastructure in your community: a bridge, a station, or something else; and talk about why we shouldn't wait until it collapses before fixing it. We can help you with the research: call or e-mail us and we'll tell you about projects in your area.



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Join us to get involved

DVARP has been the independent voice for rail and transit users in the Philadelphia area since 1972.

DVARP helps bring significant improvements to our rail and transit service, like the QuietRide car. Our members are consulted by Amtrak, SEPTA and other systems as they design new trains and plan out things like the new 'smart card' fare system and customer communications programs. We're working to get the SEPTA fare increase scaled back, and to support rail service expansions to Glassboro, Reading and other destinations. Join us to make a difference!

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