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**Subject: Action Plan and Implementation Schedule for Required Action FTA-24-2-001**

Dear Mr. Sauer:

Thank you and your team at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) for submitting an action plan and implementation schedule addressing Required Action FTA-24-2-001 from Special Directive 24-2: “Required Actions to Improve the Capacity of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority’s System Safety Division and Control Center to Ensure Safe Transit Operations.” The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued this Special Directive as part of a Safety Management Inspection (SMI) of SEPTA and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). SEPTA submitted an action plan and implementation schedule, as required by Required Action FTA-24-2-001, on November 15, 2024, and provided follow-up documentation, as requested by FTA, on February 3, 2025.

Required Action FTA-24-2-001 requires SEPTA to develop an action plan and implementation schedule to address the results of its System Safety Division workforce assessment.

**Approval of Action Plan and Implementation Schedule for Required Action FTA-24-2-001.**

FTA has reviewed SEPTA’s action plan, implementation schedule, and supporting documents and approves SEPTA’s action plan and implementation schedule for FTA-24-2-001.

FTA finds that SEPTA’s submission demonstrates a dedicated approach to increasing personnel resources in the System Safety Division to lead Safety Management System implementation, including Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance activities, address PennDOT State Safety Oversight program requirements, and identify and resolve new and emerging safety concerns. The implementation schedule outlines clear timelines and responsible parties for each action item.

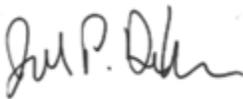
**Conclusion**

SEPTA should proceed with implementing the approved plan according to the provided schedule. FTA will monitor SEPTA's progress through regular updates and conduct ongoing verification activities.

The attached Evaluation Matrix includes information on some of the verification activities FTA anticipates conducting. These activities will allow FTA to comprehensively assess SEPTA's implementation of individual action items, ensuring they meet the commitments outlined in the action plan and implementation schedule. FTA may conduct additional verification activities as needed.

We greatly appreciate SEPTA's commitment to the safety of the SEPTA system and its transit workers and passengers. Should you have any questions, please contact Francis Alomia, Special Directive Coordinator at (470) 859-1677 or [Francis.Alomia@dot.gov](mailto:Francis.Alomia@dot.gov).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: FTA-24-2-001 Action Plan and Implementation Schedule Evaluation Matrix

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