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Ms. Meredith Biggica  
Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation  
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**Subject: Closeout for Required Action FTA-24-5-005 (Emergency Communication Devices)**

Dear Ms. Biggica,

On January 28, 2025, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) submitted corrective action plans (CAPs) developed by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) and approved by PennDOT to address the findings of an October 2024 PennDOT audit of emergency communications devices on SEPTA's Broad Street Line. Required action FTA-24-5-005 – which is associated with Finding 5 of Special Directive 24-5: "Required Actions to Strengthen Safety Oversight of SEPTA's Rail Transit System" – required this submission.

**Closeout for FTA-24-5-005 (Emergency Communication Devices)**

To address this required action, between August 5, 2024, and January 28, 2025, PennDOT conducted and submitted documentation of its audit of emergency communication devices on SEPTA's Broad Street Line and of the resulting CAPs it required SEPTA to develop to address audit findings.

FTA carefully evaluated the submitted documentation and reviewed submissions with the PennDOT during biweekly meetings on Special Directive 24-5 between August 2024 and February 2025.

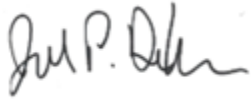
**FTA finds that the submissions satisfy the requirements of required action FTA-24-5-005 and this required action may now be closed.**

FTA will continue to monitor PennDOT's activities to oversee emergency communications devices on the Broad Street Line and, prior to closing Special Directive 24-5, FTA may conduct a final verification related to this required action.

### **Conclusion**

This required action closure represents a tremendous amount of work and FTA greatly appreciates your efforts. Please contact Francis Alomia, Special Directive Coordinator, by phone at (470) 859-1677 or by email at [Francis.Alomia@dot.gov](mailto:Francis.Alomia@dot.gov) with any questions.

Sincerely,



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