Project Fact Sheet

SEPTA's Comprehensive Bus Network Redesign is underway! This project, branded as SEPTA Forward: Bus Revolution, will take a broad and detailed look at SEPTA's bus network with the goal of making it easier to understand and use.

Why we’re starting a Bus Revolution

We recognize that SEPTA’s bus service is in need of a revolution to better serve you – our community of riders. While the City of Philadelphia and the surrounding region have changed, bus service has largely remained the same. COVID-19 has also changed the way we are traveling and moving around the region and our service needs to reflect these new patterns.

The Bus Revolution will redesign the bus network to better match the way people travel. We’re going to take a blank slate, top-to-bottom look at the bus network and will consider any reasonable idea. The process will include:

• Comprehensive analysis of where the market, demand and need for transit services are in the Philadelphia region.
• Detailed analysis of SEPTA’s current bus routes.
• Creation of scenarios and options for how bus service could be improved.
• Evaluation and conversation about the scenarios, which will lead to recommendations.
• Implementation of the changes (expected from late 2022 throughout 2023)

SEPTA’s Bus Revolution is also about equity. Improving SEPTA’s bus network is one of the best ways to improve the lives of people with low incomes and people of color who rely the most on public transportation to meet their needs.

What is the timing

SEPTA’s Bus Revolution started in the Spring of 2021 with first steps oriented around collecting and analyzing data, as well as conversations with our riders and stakeholders.

• Year 1 our team will be collecting data, evaluating transit needs and analyzing individual bus routes. We will also be talking with riders and members of the public.
• We will spend Year 2 developing options for service improvements, asking the public for input, and creating a final set of recommendations.
• Year 3 will focus on implementing the recommendations.

Be a part of the Revolution

We want to hear from you. SEPTA's Bus Revolution will have lots of opportunities throughout its phases for people who live and work in the Philadelphia region to be involved. You can:

• Call us at 267.291.6045 to find out about upcoming opportunities to share your thoughts
• Visit our website for information
• Email us at busnetwork@septa.org
• Check out our list of FAQs
• Look for our team at block parties, farmer’s markets, and other community events

To get updates ‘delivered’ right to your inbox, register here: REGISTER
For updates by phone, please call 267.291.6045 (Phone line is staffed live on Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)