



Resource Guide for Preparing for the Fall 2025 (Phase 1) SEPTA Service Cuts

Why is SEPTA service being cut?

Due to the lack of state funding for transit, SEPTA is forced to close its \$213 million structural operating deficit by cutting 20% of its service beginning August 24, 2025. This includes route eliminations, route shortenings, and overall reductions in service frequency that will change the way many people in the Philadelphia region travel. It is important that riders are prepared for the changes and understand how they will affect their daily lives.

There is still a chance these cuts can be avoided if the state passes a budget and provides funding for transit by August 14.

How do I plan ahead for taking transit after August 24th?

This guide is meant to help SEPTA riders plan ahead for the service cuts going into effect on Bus and Metro service on August 24 and 25 and on Regional Rail on September 2. It provides information and tips for navigating our app and website, to help you and your family and friends navigate these major service cuts with minimal disruption to your commute to work, school, etc. **Even with careful planning, please allow extra time for your initial trips after the cuts go into effect due to likely crowding and delays.**

Note: The 9 p.m. curfew on Metro and Regional Rail lines and the full closure of five Regional Rail lines is NOT going into effect this Fall. These changes, among others, are part of the Phase 2 round of cuts, that will begin in January. All of the resources below are focused on the Phase 1 cuts – detailed schedule info is not yet available for the January cuts.

Key Dates for Phase 1 of SEPTA Service Cuts

- **Sunday, August 24:** Most of the Phase 1 Bus/Metro service cuts go into effect.
- **Monday, August 25:** Remaining Phase 1 Bus/Metro go into effect - Bus Routes 103 through 123, 125, and 126 Metro M and D Lines
- **Monday, September 1:** Fare increase goes into effect.
- **Tuesday, September 2:** Phase 1 Regional Rail service cuts go into effect. Note: Chestnut Hill East service will also return on this day.



The separate dates for Bus/Metro and Regional Rail are just a regular part of our schedule change process.

SEPTA is doing everything we can to ensure that our riders have the information and tools they need to navigate service cuts. This includes:

- Installing signage at over 3,000 bus stops, Metro stations, and Regional Rail stations
- Making announcements on Metro and Regional Rail station platforms
- Posting information on our website, app, digital screens, and social media
- Sending SEPTA staff to bus terminals and stops most affected by route eliminations the week before and first week of the cuts
- Ensuring our app and website are preloaded with accurate information about the post-Phase-1-cut schedules (see below)

Using SEPTA.org to Plan Ahead

1. For a general sense of if or how your route(s) are affected:

Visit septa.org/servicecuts. From here, scroll down to the dropdown menus to see impacts on each route. The first column describes the Phase 1 cuts going into effect this Fall, while the second column is about the proposed cuts that would go into effect in January 2026.

Bus Service

Routes 1-50 ▼

Routes 51-150 ▼

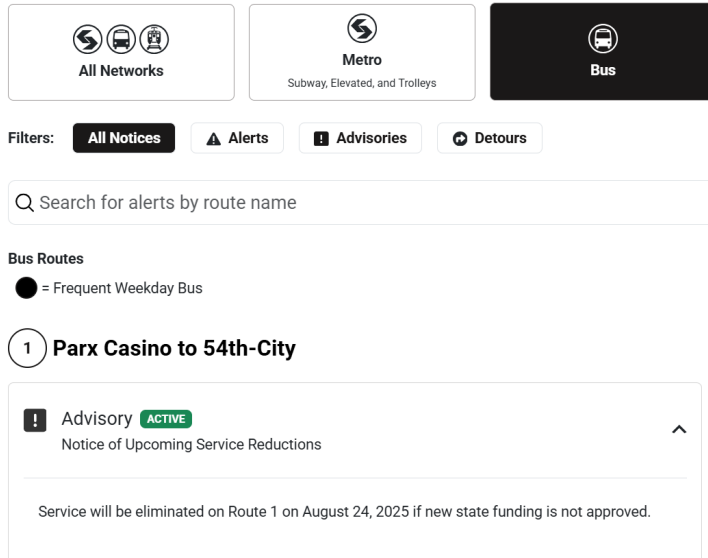
Routes 151+ ▼

Rail Service

Metro ▲

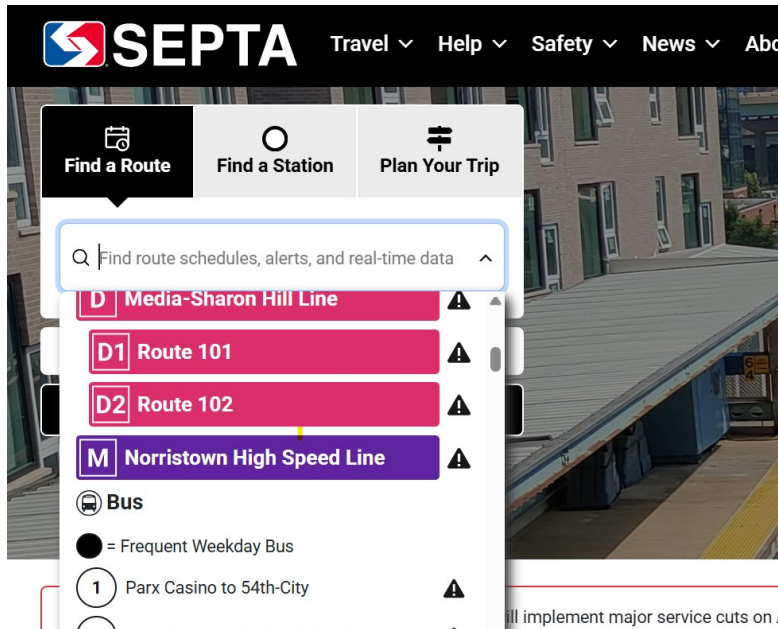
Mode	Route	Service Reductions Effective August 2025	Service Reductions Effective January 2026
	B1	Service on the Broad Street Line Local [B1] will be reduced by up to 20%. Peak headways will go from 7 to 8 minutes. Midday headways will go from 7 to 9 minutes.	No Metro service after 9 pm on the B1. Routes 4 and 16 will provide bus service after 9 pm.
	B2	Service on the Broad Street Express [B2] will be reduced by up to 20%. Peak headways will go from 7 to 8 minutes.	No Metro service after 9 pm on the B2. Routes 4 and 16 will provide bus service after 9 pm.
	B3	Service on the Broad-Ridge Spur [B3] will be reduced by up to 20%. Peak headways will go from 7 to 8 minutes. Midday headways will go	B3 service will be discontinued. The B1 will provide local service on the B Line before 9 pm. Routes 4 and 16 will provide bus service after 9

This information is also available via Advisories posted to each affected route. Visit septa.org/alerts and select your route to check the Advisories.



2. To see interactive schedules for your route(s)

Visit SEPTA.org and search your route in the widget on the home screen.



When you get to your route's specific schedule page, select the direction and at least a starting stop (destination stop is optional) to see schedule details. Be sure to set the date

of your trip to AFTER the service cuts for your network(s) go into effect (Aug 24/25 for Bus/Metro, Sept 2 for Regional Rail) to see the new schedules. If you select a date beforehand, you'll see the current schedules like normal.

Note: If your route is slated to be eliminated, no service will show.

Live and Scheduled Trips

Select the direction and departure of your trip to find schedule information:

Direction*

↶ Outbound to Fox Chase

or

↷ Inbound to Center City Philadelphia

Departure*

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Destination (optional)

Select a stop 🔍

Date

Saturday, September 6 📅

September 2025 ↑ ↓

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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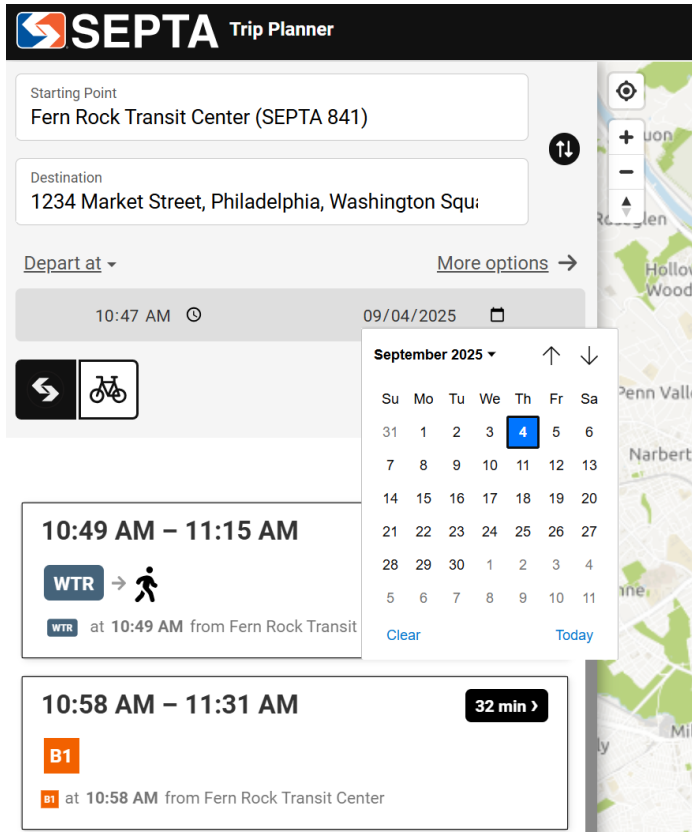
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Today

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Center City Philadelphia	5:45 am	🗕
Center City Philadelphia	7:45 am	🗕
Center City Philadelphia	9:45 am	🗕
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Center City Philadelphia	1:45 pm	🗕
Center City Philadelphia	3:45 pm	🗕

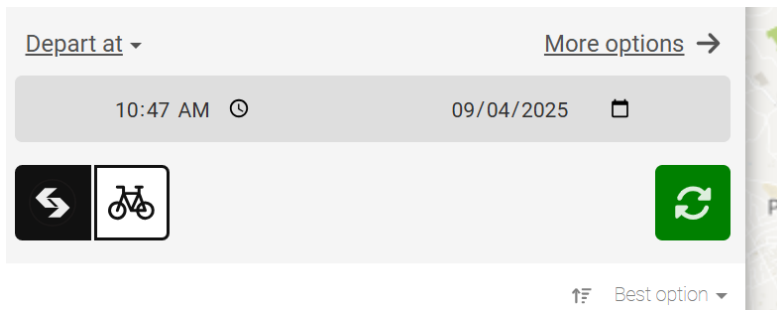
3. To plan your trip in the future

Visit plan.septa.org (accessible via the widget on the home screen of SEPTA.org) to use the SEPTA web trip planner.

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After entering a future date for your search, be sure to tap the green button to get updated results.



4. To access PDFs of the new schedules:

To see the post-cut PDF schedules for your Bus or Metro route, visit:

www.septa.org/news/bus-metro-fall-schedules/

To see the post-cut PDF schedules for your Regional Rail line, visit:

www.septa.org/news/regional-rail-fall-schedules/

(Both of these pages are linked prominently from the home page of SEPTA.org)



**Fall Bus & Metro Schedule Route by
Route Information**



**Fall Regional Rail Schedule Route by
Route Information**

Using App(s) to Plan Ahead

The SEPTA app is also preloaded with the Fall service cuts schedules. This means that you can also use the Trip Planner and the Schedule Pages on the app to see your options accurately after the cuts go into effect.

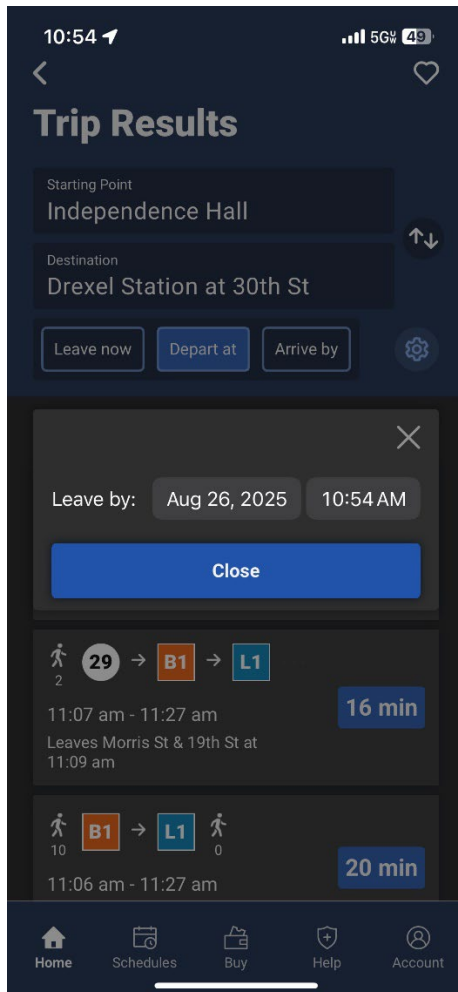
You must first download the latest version of the SEPTA app, 3.2.6. The info will not appear accurately if you are on an earlier version.

To see what version you currently have, tap Help → About the App. To manually download the latest version if it has not updated automatically, visit the App Store or Google Play store.

1. To plan a trip in the future

From the home screen, enter a destination in the bar labeled “Plan a trip to...” at the top of the screen to enter the Trip Planner.

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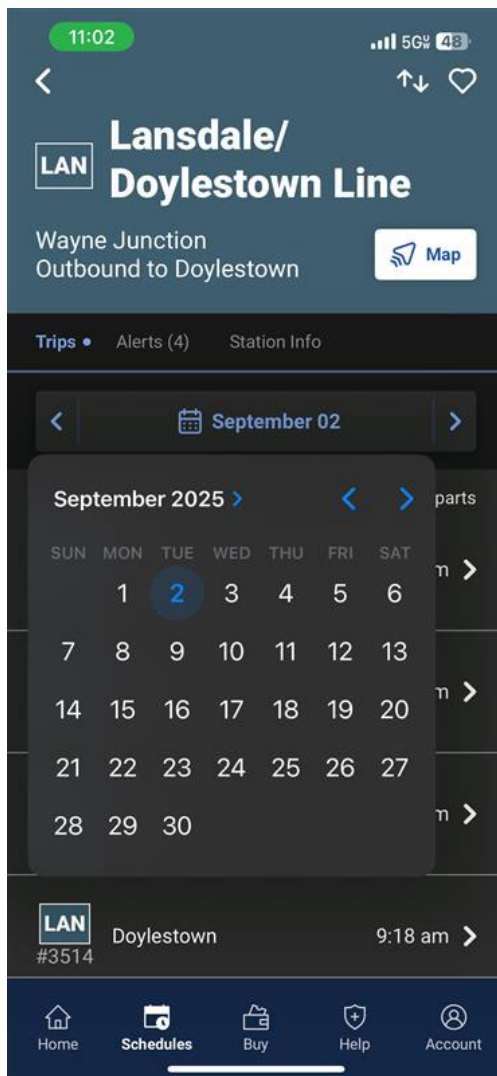
2. To see interactive schedules for your route(s)

From the home screen, tap “Schedules” at the bottom of the screen. Search for your route in the search bar at the top or browse all routes via the Bus, Metro, and Regional Rail buttons.

When you’ve found your route, select the direction and at least a starting stop (destination stop is optional) to see schedule details.

From the schedule details screen, set the date of your trip to AFTER the service cuts for your network(s) go into effect (Aug 24/25 for Bus/Metro, Sept 2 for Regional Rail) to see the new schedules. If you select a date beforehand, you’ll see the current schedules like normal.

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Note: Third-party apps like Google, Apple, and Transit app have been given access to this data as well, and should have correct information *as of the first day of the schedule change*, but for planning ahead prior to the start of the cuts, the SEPTA app or website are the most accurate source of information.

Reach out to us!

Our Customer Service team is standing by to help you navigate this challenging time. We can answer general questions about the service cuts, or specific questions about your



journey. You can reach SEPTA Customer Service via the Help tab at the top of SEPTA.org or the bottom of the SEPTA app.

SEPTA Customer Service is available via phone at 215-580-7800 or chat. Customer Service hours are:

Mondays – Fridays 7 am – 7 pm

Saturdays – Sundays 8 am – 5 pm

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these challenging times as an agency and a region.