

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate Transportation Committee

FROM: Allie Kutz, Manager, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support SBs 713, 952, 953, 954 – SEPTA Stability & Safety**

I write on behalf of the PA Chamber in support of Senate Bill 713, S.B. 952, S.B. 953, and S.B. 954, which are scheduled for consideration today by the Senate Transportation Committee. These pieces of legislation represent meaningful improvements to safety, transparency, and financial sustainability for Pennsylvania transit.

S.B. 713 allows for innovative digital displays on transit vehicles that both improve safety and create a new revenue stream. **S.B. 952** strengthens transparency by requiring regular financial and performance reporting. **S.B. 953** requires at least one SEPTA public-private partnership project is submitted to the P3 board for consideration. **S.B. 954** sets minimum performance standards around fare collection, bus service, and public-private partnerships.

Taken together, these measures create a thoughtful framework that balances accountability with opportunity. They encourage innovation, provide lawmakers with better tools to assess transit funding needs, and help ensure long-term fiscal stability while supporting the important role SEPTA plays in moving people to jobs, schools, and healthcare every day. Importantly, this package opens the door for greater collaboration with the private sector—allowing for a pipeline of future public-private partnerships that can strengthen public transit service in a sustainable way. Additionally, we encourage a continued focus on developing a long-term, sustainable funding solution for Pennsylvania’s transportation system – including public transit, roads, bridges, and more.

We encourage the lawmakers to move these bills forward as a commonsense step toward a more efficient, accountable, and financially sustainable transit system for Pennsylvania. Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important matter. For questions or further discussion, please contact Allie Kutz, Manager of Government Affairs, at akutz@pachamber.org or 717-439-4829.

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