

City of Philadelphia



December 2, 2004

CERTIFICATION: This is to certify that Bill No. 040760, was presented to the Mayor on the eighteenth day of November, 2004, and was not returned to the Council with his signature at a meeting held December 2, 2004 (being more than ten days after it has been presented to him).

THEREFORE, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-202 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, the ordinance becomes effective as if the Mayor had approved it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Rafferty".

Patricia Rafferty
Chief Clerk of the City Council

(Bill No. 040760)

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2005 within the General Fund from the Department of Public Property-City Subsidy for SEPTA to the Director of Finance, and authorizing the Director of Finance to convene a panel for the purpose of administering funds to distressed businesses and the community affected by the Market Street Elevated Reconstruction Project, all under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, SEPTA's Market Street Elevated Reconstruction Project is building a brand new Market-Frankford Line, and is specifically spending \$420 million dollars to reconstruct the western portion of the elevated line in West Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Such activities have been viewed by local business owners and negatively impacting sale revenues due to blocked sidewalks, fenced-in streets, and signs diverting not only vehicular traffic but pedestrian traffic as well; and

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WHEREAS, City Council has had public hearings on the reconstruction project whereby both business owners and residents have voiced their concerns about the length of the project; and

WHEREAS, City Council has passed Bill No. 030656 (approved December 31, 2003), which made appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004; and

WHEREAS, SEPTA has indicated the Market Street Elevated Reconstruction Project will last until Fiscal Year 2008; now therefore

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2005 within the General Fund.

FROM:

2.23 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY - CITY SUBSIDY FOR SEPTA

Purchase of Services	<u>\$750,000</u>
Total	\$750,000

Total "FROM" Section\$750,000

TO:

2.36 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

<i>Contributions, Indemnities and Taxes</i>	<u>\$750,000</u>
Total	\$750,000

Total "TO" Section\$750,000

SECTION 2. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to convene a nine (9) member panel for the purposes of administering funds to distressed businesses that have been affected by the Market Street Elevated Reconstruction Project and funds for the enhancement of the community affected by said Project. This panel shall be known as the West Philadelphia Grant Assistance Panel and shall be composed as follows: One (1) member shall be from SEPTA. One (1) member shall be from the Department of Commerce. One (1) member shall be from the West Philadelphia Businesses community. One (1) member shall be from the West Philadelphia Residential community. Five (5)

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members shall be elected officials, or their designee, from the city's local, state and federal delegations.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.