City of Philadelphia

City Council
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Meeting Agenda

Friday, November 13, 2026

10:00 AM

Room 400, City Hall

Joint Committees on Transportation and Public Utilities & Public Safety

12 Items for Discussion

260652 Resolution Authorizing the Committees on Transportation and Public Utilities and Public Safety to hold joint public hearings examining youth safety on and around SEPTA and identifying coordinated strategies to prevent violence, support young people, and protect all riders.

Attachments: Signature26065200

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(Resolution No. 260652)

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Committees on Transportation and Public Utilities and Public Safety to hold joint public hearings examining youth safety on and around SEPTA and identifying coordinated strategies to prevent violence, support young people, and protect all riders.

WHEREAS, SEPTA is an essential part of daily life in Philadelphia, providing transportation to schools, jobs, healthcare, recreation, and community resources; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of young people rely on SEPTA each day, often traveling during concentrated morning and afternoon periods when vehicles, stations, and transfer points can become crowded and difficult to manage; and

WHEREAS, Recent incidents involving young riders and other passengers have demonstrated the continuing need to address violence, conflict, and unsafe conditions on and around the transit system; and

WHEREAS, Young people have experienced these incidents as victims, witnesses, bystanders, and participants, and the circumstances surrounding these events cannot be addressed through enforcement alone; and

WHEREAS, SEPTA has reported significant reductions in serious crime across its system and has implemented safety measures during student travel periods, including increased staffing, crowd management, coordination with law enforcement, and discreet reporting tools; and

WHEREAS, A more comprehensive strategy requires sustained coordination among SEPTA, the City, the School District of Philadelphia, charter and nonpublic schools, community organizations, families, students, and riders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby authorizes the Committees on Transportation & Public Utilities and Public Safety to hold joint public hearings examining youth safety on and around SEPTA and identifying coordinated strategies to prevent violence, support young people, and protect all riders.

RESOLUTION NO. 260652 continued

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the eleventh day of June, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Young

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Young Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Thomas, Jones, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, O'Neill, Squilla, Bass and Ahmad