

Personal Testimonies

“Transportation is a critical element for business attraction, retention and expansion. Erie Transit provides the business community with an economic benefit, offering the workforce clean, efficient, and lower-cost commuter transportation.”

-Jake Rouch, President and CEO, Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership

“Without the bus in the city and township areas, a large number of our community members would be unable to get to college, the local city, county and other offices, and events during regular bus hours.”

-Peggy Weckerly, PA Career Link, Butler County

“I use buses to get to my job, to go shopping, to get my medication. My life depends on the bus.”

-Susan Ethers, Sewickley, As reported by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, November 2004

“Public transportation is absolutely essential in the day-to-day life at Penn State University Park campus...we depend on the services of the Centre Area Transportation Authority. In fact, on an average day during the school year, over 30,000 transit trips are made by members of the Penn State community.”

-Teresa A. Davis, Director of Transportation Services, The Pennsylvania State University

“Without rabbittransit in York, 25 percent of my workforce would not have transportation to get to work.”

-Steve Brodeur, Owner McDonald’s restaurants, York City

“East Penn believes that BARTA public transportation services from Reading are essential to facilitate the company’s future growth.”

-Robert Harrop, SPHR, Vice President, Personnel, East Penn Manufacturing Company, Inc.

“If the state of Pennsylvania does not act to resolve this fiscal problem...thousands will lose access to medical facilities, schools and commerce centers. More than 50 percent of LANTA riders use transit to get to work.”

-Armand Greco, Executive Director, Lehigh and Northampton Transit Authority (LANTA)

"The funding crisis affects transit agencies large and small. Because of public transit's widespread benefits spurring job growth and helping to ease traffic congestion, solving the funding crisis will benefit everyone."

-Mayor Mary B. Wolf, City of Williamsport

"Area Transportation Authority (ATA) is a life saver."

-Ruth, St. Mary's schoolteacher

"Public transportation assures cost-effective access to essential health services. SEPTA is the route to better jobs and medical care for thousands."

-Joseph "Chip" Marshall, Chief Executive Officer, Temple University Health System

"Education and public transportation have something in common: both foster access and opportunity. Increasing access to a Penn education is a top priority. SEPTA helps give our students that access by letting them travel affordably."

-Amy Gutmann, President, University of Pennsylvania

"As the area's largest owner of malls, PREIT is customer focused. We view the SEPTA commuter as a key component of our customer base. It ultimately contributes greatly to our success."

-Joseph F. Coradino, President PREIT Services, LLC and PREIT-RUBIN, Inc.

"Transportation connections are always a key point on our development agenda. SEPTA's regional transit systems enhance labor accessibility, creating a platform for regional economic development."

-Gerard H. Sweeney, President & CEO - Brandywine Realty Trust

"Good public transportation is essential to the economic health of the Delaware Valley. SEPTA's regional transit network is essential to job growth and an expanding economy."

-Walter D'Alessio, Vice Chairman, NorthMarq Capital

"One of the reasons Comcast Center will be a world-class business environment is the project's direct connection to Suburban Station and the premier transportation network SEPTA provides. We are very excited to be working with SEPTA to provide a stunning new gateway to the city of Philadelphia for thousands of daily commuters."

-William P. Hankowsky, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Liberty Property Trust

"Every dollar that public transit spends returns up to \$6 in economic benefits to the regional economy." "...every \$1 billion federal funding invests in a public transportation infrastructure generates approximately 47,500 jobs."

-American Public Transportation Association

"Business leaders cite transportation to Philadelphia's central business district as the most important reason to start up in or relocate a business to Philadelphia."

-Pennsylvania Economy League