

RAIL USERS' NETWORK AND SEPTA CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# PASSENGER RAIL *and* RAIL TRANSIT IMPROVES *the* ECONOMIC VITALITY *of* CITIES

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2014

## Draft Program

- 7:30 - 8 am. Continental Breakfast
- 8 am. Introductory Remarks:  
Richard Rudolph - Chairman, Rail Users' Network (RUN)  
Maurice Baynard – Chair, SEPTA Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)  
Barry Seymour - Executive Director, Delaware Valley Regional  
Planning Commission (DVRPC)
- 8:30 a.m. Speaker: Byron Comati, Director of Strategic Planning and Analysis,  
SEPTA (invited)
- 9:10 a.m. Speaker: Drew Galloway, Assistant Vice President, Planning and  
Development, Amtrak.
- 9:50a.m. Keynote Speaker: Dena Belzer, CEO, Strategic Economics,  
Berkeley, CA
- 10:50 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11 a.m. Panel: Reaching Out to Younger People  
Moderator: Philip Dawson, SEPTA CAC, Vice-Chair, Regional Rail  
Subcommittee  
Speakers: Andy Sharpe, DVARP  
Robbyn Gayer, Hampton Roads for Rail  
Jeff Kessler, SEPTA Youth Advisory Council.
- 12:10 p.m. Lunch & Award Ceremony  
Michael Weinman, Managing Director of PTSI Transportation will  
present the Rail Users' Network Outstanding Customer Service  
Awards to Brian Rosenwald, Chief, Product Management, Amtrak  
(retired) and Dave Nogar, Superintendent, NEC Service Operations  
(retired).

The SEPTA CAC will also present an award for outstanding customer service to a SEPTA employee.

- 1 p.m.      Panel: Transit-Oriented Development and the Local Economy  
Moderator: Richard Rudolph  
Speakers: Vivian Baker, Director, Transit Friendly Land Use and Development, NJTransit  
Andrew Svekla, Senior Planning and Design Analyst, Office of Smart Growth, DVRPC  
Rose Gray, Senior Vice President, Community and Economic Development, Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha (APM)
- 2:10 p.m.      Panel: Extending the Reach of Rail Transit  
Moderator: David Peter Alan, Rail Users Network, Board Member  
Speakers: Tom Hickey, Vice Chair, APTA's Street Car Committee  
Steve Fittante, Director, Local Programs and Minibus Support, NJ Transit  
Ted Dahlburg, Manager, Office of Freight and Aviation, DVRPC
- 3:20 p.m.      Afternoon Beverage Break
- 3:30 p.m.      Panel: Best Practice Advocacy  
Moderator: Andrew Albert, Rail Users Network, Vice Chair  
Speakers: Naomi Roberson, Smith Memorial Playground  
Nico Amador, RAGE  
Jeff Marinoff, South Jersey CAC  
Representative, Keystone Coalition
- 4:40 p.m.      Brief Announcement of Optional Tour  
(information will be in program booklet)
- 4:45 p.m.      Closing Remarks  
Aissia Richardson, SEPTA CAC and Gary Prophet, RUN Treasurer