

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS

March 28, 2024

2b. Reconnecting Our Chinatown (RCP 2022) (MPMS #119896), City of Philadelphia

From: Jerrett Johnson

Zip Code: 19139

Date Received: March 19, 2024

Comment/Question: I love the renderings of the future of Chinatown and was very happy with the decision. I have been through the area a few times. It has great people who are hard workers with a rich history. By receiving money needed for the project as well as positive feedback, adding green space, and approval with the decision, it will make Chinatown become a better destination for home owners, businesses and tourists.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC'S Office of Capital Programs, City of Philadelphia, and PennDOT.

We appreciate your support of this project.

2e. Projects of Significance (MPMS #115472), SEPTA – Add New Federal Funds

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Comment/Question: With the grants received for the M5 rail cars with track and signal improvements, I keep hearing that these cars will not enter into service until 2027 or 2030, is this a fact. Also with the addition of new Regional Rail cars, will there be any money left over from the budget as Septa could be approaching a fiscal cliff this fiscal year without having to worry about being in the negative balance.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC'S Office of Capital Programs, and SEPTA.

We anticipate awarding a contract for the manufacturing of 200 new Market-Frankford Line railcars this summer. It takes several years to design and build the railcars, so the first rail car would not begin revenue service until 2028 at the earliest. SEPTA is seeking additional subsidy from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to prevent operating budget shortfalls.