

Force State Republicans to Save SEPTA. “John Perzel and the state's Republican leaders must come up with a plan to permanently fix public transportation inequities for the Delaware Valley before fare hikes, layoffs and service cuts are enacted at SEPTA's board meeting on Thursday.”

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On November 2nd, Pennsylvania progressives turned our state blue for John Kerry. Although, our hard work could not prevent George W. Bush from being reelected, we did send a powerful message to the state's Republican leadership that working together, Philadelphia and its suburbs win statewide offices for Democratic candidates.

Instead of recognizing the growing power of Southeastern Pennsylvania progressive voters, the state's Republican leadership, led by the Speaker of the House from Philadelphia John Perzel, snubbed us. They left Harrisburg this month without addressing the massive budget crisis faced by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Agency (SEPTA). As a result of Republican inaction, the SEPTA board has taken it upon itself to raise fares to \$3 a ride, lay off workers and cut service by 20% by spring.

Raising SEPTA's fares and cutting its services will have serious consequences for our region's economy, environment and quality of life.

SEPTA provides over 10,000 jobs to Southeastern Pennsylvanians and gives over 1 million residents of the Delaware Valley a ride to and from work, school, church, shopping and more every day.

SEPTA reduces the amount of air pollution in our region and alleviates congestion on crowded streets and highways.

Protecting and strengthening SEPTA makes the Delaware Valley more competitive for businesses, attracts young people and allows residents from any part of the region to travel to the best jobs.

Republican leaders in the state legislature must act to solve SEPTA's \$63 million funding and prevent it from ever happening again.

Working together, we can make John Perzel and the Republicans in the state legislature stop playing games with our region.