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WEST TRENTON LINE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT

Work Between Township Line Road & West Trenton to Begin Monday, October 23 Work will be performed Monday to Friday from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

OVERHEAD POWER LINE WORK – OCTOBER 23 – NOVEMBER 3 FROM 7:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

For approximately two weeks beginning Monday, October 23 and continuing through Friday, November 3. SEPTA Power Department personnel will be working from the wire train (which uses a diesel locomotive) removing old power catenary wires from the track that SEPTA previously shared with CSX.

SEPTA crews will be working <u>Monday to Friday from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM</u> in Middletown Township, Lower Makefield Township and Yardley Borough between Township Line Road and West Trenton yard on the West Trenton Line.

INTERMITTENT ROAD CLOSURES AT GRADE CROSSINGS

Temporary Road Closures -

The catenary removal work will require the intermittent closures of grade crossings to allow crews to safely perform their work. Over the course of the two weeks, the grade crossings at Township Line, Heacock Road, Stoney Hill Road and Edgewood Road could be affected for brief periods of time. SEPTA is working with township police to coordinate closures and direct traffic to other crossings when roads are closed.

Wire Train Crossing -

When the wire train is moving through a crossing, either CSX personnel will be on site to manually operate crossing gates to allow the train to safely move through, or SEPTA personnel will flag the train through crossings.

Motorists may see the wire train staged near a crossing or slowly approaching a crossing with the gates up. Residents have previously voiced concern when seeing this procedure, but it is a safety measure put in place to ensure that a slow-moving train does not enter a crossing before the gates come down, and that a work train does not trigger a false gate activation.

<u>Please note</u>: The wire train is slower than a normal SEPTA train, and the public is asked to be patient when waiting at crossings.

<u>SEPTA Service</u> –

SEPTA anticipates operating normal service throughout this period of work. SEPTA trains will approach crossings at normal speeds and activate crossing gates in their usual fashion. Customers can get real-time West Trenton service information on the SEPTA website (www.SEPTA.org) or the official SEPTA App available in the App Store or Google Play.

TRAIN HORNS

During the work period (7:00 AM to 2:00 PM), it is likely that residents will hear train horns in the quiet zone area. **FRA safety rules require trains to sound horns when passing stopped equipment and to alert railway roadworkers of approaching trains**. Residents are reminded that train engineers can sound train horns at their discretion for safety and other purposes, even in a quiet zone.

MAKE THE SAFE CHOICE

SEPTA customers and members of the general public are reminded that train tracks should be considered active at all times and in all directions.

There are precautions motorists should take when driving near train tracks and through grade crossings. The closing gates, warning bells and flashing lights indicate that the train is approaching and has the right of way. Drivers that pass through flashers or crossing gates are in violation of motor vehicle laws and are subject to heavy fines. Road markers indicate the safest distance for vehicles to stop from the grade crossing when the gates are down.

For more information about SEPTA safety and to download PDFs of safety tips for all SEPTA modes, visit <u>www.septa.org/safety/tips/</u>. SEPTA also offers rail safety tips and videos on its website, <u>http://www.septa.org/safety/respect-thetrain.html</u>.