SEPTA Opens Improved, Relocated Parkside Bus Loop

Modernized Facility Located in the Heart of Bustling Community

PHILADELPHIA, PA (December 14, 2011) – Just in time for some of the busiest days of the holiday shopping season, SEPTA has a new transit hub up and running in the heart of the bustling Parkside community.

Construction has been completed on the new and relocated Parkside Bus Loop. The state-of-the-art facility, now located at 1551 North 50th Street, began serving residents and businesses in the community this week. The loop is a key part of SEPTA’s operation of bus routes 40, 43, 64 and 52.

The old loop dated back nearly a century and was overdue for modern upgrades. To better serve the community, the loop was relocated from the former location at 49th and Parkside Avenue. The new location is in an area that has seen significant new development. Among the nearby destinations is Park West Town Center, which features a large supermarket, a major home-improvement retailer, and a mix of smaller shops that specialize in a variety of products and services.

The $2.4 million Parkside Bus Loop relocation and construction project was funded largely by a $2.2 million competitive grant awarded to SEPTA by the Federal Transit Administration. The facility is fully accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Other improvements include:

- Open-air bus shelter, created from recyclable materials and glass block wind screens
- Improved energy-efficient lighting
- Trash and recycling cans
- A modern storm water management system
- Bus operator facility building
- New site landscaping with drought-resistant plantings

For more information services available for customers at the Parkside Bus Loop, visit www.septa.org.

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