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**May 23, 2024**

**Action Item 2c: North Valley Road over Amtrak (MPMS #47979), Chester County**

**From:** Jerrett Johnson

**Zip Code:** 19139

**Date Received:** May 12, 2024

**Comment/Question:** There is talk of upgrading the station at Paoli/Thornadale Station. I never been over there but I know a few people who use the station and have had complaints about accessibility and parking. Will it be more ADA Accessible and have more parking spaces as part of the upgrades.

**Response (SEPTA):** Thank you for your comment. SEPTA completed Phase 1 of the Paoli Transportation Center project (\$41.8M) in 2019, making the station ADA accessible with a pedestrian overpass, elevators, ramps, and high-level center platform. Phase 2 of the project (\$50.28M) includes the construction of an additional high-level platform on the outbound side, passenger amenities, enhanced bus facilities, and improved station access. Phase 2 is programmed in the outer years of the TIP & SEPTA Capital Budget and will be implemented upon the completion of PennDOT's North Valley Road over Amtrak project. Phase 3 includes the construction of an accessible multi-level parking garage. Due to reduced ridership from the COVID-19 pandemic and with the Reimagining Regional Rail initiative, SEPTA is re-evaluating its station parking project schedules. A schedule and funding plan for Phase 3 will be developed as ridership levels increase and the necessity for additional parking becomes clearer.

**Response (PennDOT):** The work associated with the existing North and South parking lots at the Paoli train station includes:

1. Sidewalk (brown)
2. Landscaping (green)
3. Storm water management (blue)
4. Pavement markings (white)
5. New ramps will be constructed to ADA current standards at the North and South lots.

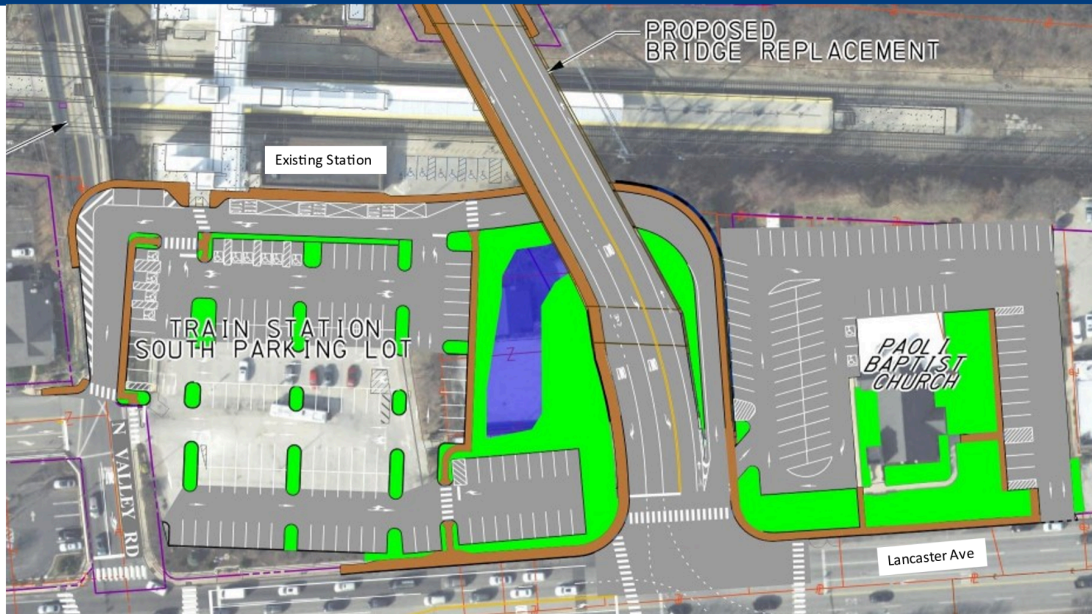
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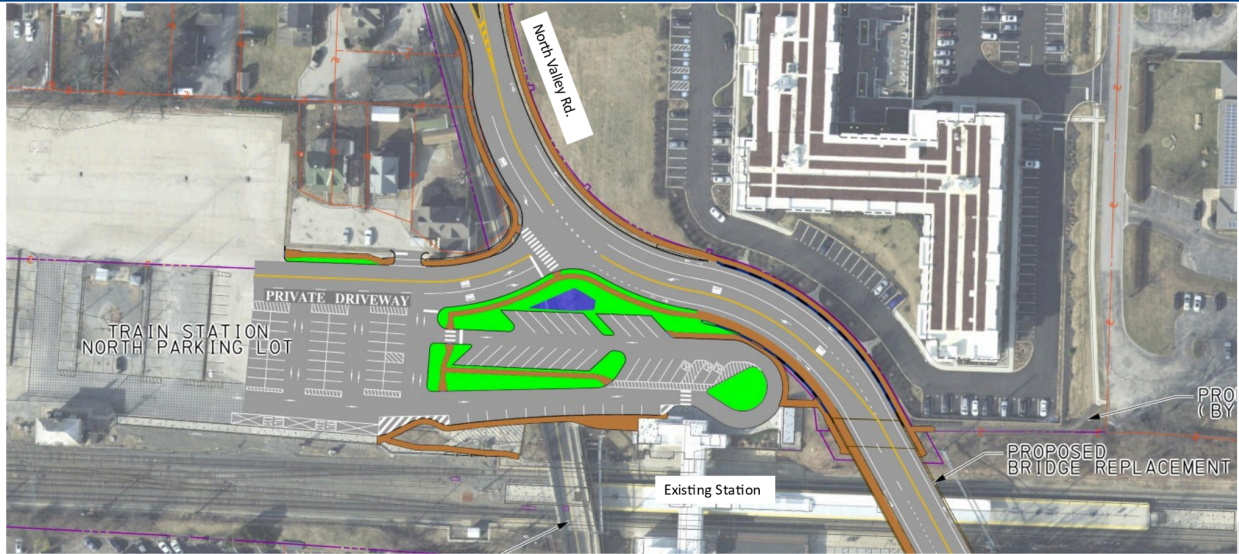
# DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS – SOUTH LOT



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# DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS-NORTH LOT



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## **Action Item 2f: Regional Rail Car and Locomotive Acquisition Program (MPMS #60638), Various Counties**

**From:** Jerrett Johnson

**Zip Code:** 19139

**Date Received:** May 13, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Since Septa has canceled the order for the Multi level rail cars and the TIP conformity funding will not be impacted, is the shift focused on the upcoming Silverliner VI rail cars as part of the TIP conformity.

**Response:** Thank you for your comment. Yes, due to the cancellation of the Multi-Level Rail Car procurement, SEPTA has allocated additional funding for the replacement of the Silverliner IV Regional Rail Cars in its FY 2025 Capital Budget proposal, increasing funding from \$650M to \$858.769M.

**Action Item 3: FY 2025 Project Selection for the Pennsylvania Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Program**

**From:** Ross Abel

**Zip Code:** 19046

**Date Received:** May 21, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Hello DVRPC board! As an Abington resident and father of two little ones, I am so excited to see the Separated Bike Lanes Plan on the potential award list and I wanted to wholeheartedly support this effort that will help keep us and our families safe while staying active in our community. Thank you so much for your consideration!

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Dominic Vasturia

**Zip Code:** 19446

**Date Received:** May 21, 2024

**Comment/Question:** As a MontCo resident and cyclist I wholeheartedly support the Separated Bike Lanes Action Plan for TCDI funding in Abington. Please help make MontCo roads safer for all road users, but especially for those who are the most vulnerable on the road.

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Hammam Aldouri

**Zip Code:** 19046

**Date Received:** May 21, 2024

**Comment/Question:** I am a Montgomery County resident and I am thrilled to see that the county will potentially be awarded \$210,000 for a separated bike lane action plan in Abington and a road diet feasibility study in the Cheltenham and Springfield areas. My family and I recently moved to Abington (in 2021) and we envisage staying for many years to come. Having our township as well as the surrounding county become more



pedestrian and cyclist friendly (I am a keen cyclist and I regularly take my two young children out for bike rides) will vastly improve the quality of life here. Areas that encourage walking and cycling are not only good for our health and the environment, but they also foster strong community bonds. Thank you for all your work on this!

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Lily Morreale

**Zip Code:** Not provided

**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Hi! Hello DVRPC Board! I want to voice my support for selection of Abington's Separated Bike Lanes Action Plan' for TCDI funding. We want safer streets in our area and this project will make our community healthier, protect vulnerable road users of all types and enhance livability for residents of all ages.

This would make a huge difference in our lifestyle as a family as my children grow older. Thank you for your time.

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Jessica Gross

**Zip Code:** Not provided

**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

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Thank you for your time.

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Anna Mindel  
**Zip Code:** Not provided  
**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Dear DVRPC Board,  
I am writing to voice my support for selection of Abington's Separated Bike Lanes Action Plan' for TCDI funding. This plan will add value to our community in so many ways from desirability as a place to live and visit, to the health and safety of our neighbors.

I hope you can make this plan become a reality!

Sincerely,

Anna Mindel

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Patrick Monahan  
**Zip Code:** Not provided  
**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Hello DVRPC Board,

I am in support of the selection of the Abington Separated Bike Lanes Action Plan for TCDI funding. I support safer streets in this area and this project will make their community healthier, protect vulnerable road users of all types and enhance livability for residents of all ages.

Thank you,  
Patrick Monahan (he/him) | Regional Organizer

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Joe S  
**Zip Code:** Not provided  
**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Hi DVRPC Board, I want to voice my support for selection of Abington's Separated Bike Lanes Action Plan' for TCDI funding. Moving over here recently from the west coast with many good & separated bike lanes, the separate lane is crucial to welcoming bikers. I hope you can proceed with this. We want safer streets in our area and this project will make our community healthier, protect vulnerable road users of all types and enhance livability for residents of all ages.  
Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Joe S

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Stefanie Reinhard  
**Zip Code:** Not provided  
**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Hello DVRPC Board!

I want to voice my strong support for selection of Abington's Separated Bike Lanes Action Plan' for TCDI funding. We want safer streets in our area and this project will make our community healthier, protect vulnerable road users of all types and enhance livability for residents of all ages.

Thank you for your time,  
Stefanie Reinhard

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Brittany Abel  
**Zip Code:** Not provided  
**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

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**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** R. Emmett Madden Esq.  
**Zip Code:** Not provided  
**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Good Morning. I am an active community member. I am also an active cyclist. I am also a business owner in Jenkintown and a property owner. I strongly support these bike lanes. Thank you

Hi! Hello DVRPC Board! I want to voice my support for selection of Abington's Separated Bike Lanes Action Plan' for TCDI funding. We want safer streets in our area and this project will make our community healthier, protect vulnerable road users of all types and enhance livability for residents of all ages.  
Thank you for your time.

R. Emmett Madden Esq.  
ThePhillyLawyers.com

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.



**From:** Marguerite Del Giudice  
**Zip Code:** Not provided  
**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

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Thank you for your time.

Marguerite Del Giudice

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Adam Schorsch  
**Zip Code:** Not provided  
**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Hello DVRPC Board

I want to voice my support for selection of Abington's Separated Bike Lanes Action Plan for TCDI funding.

We need safer streets in our area and this project will make our community healthier, protect vulnerable road users of all types and enhance livability for residents of all ages.

Thank you,  
Adam

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Karen Acker  
**Zip Code:** Not provided  
**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Hello!

I am writing to express my support for the Abington TDCI Separate Bike Lane Action Plan. I am a resident of Abington Township and would love to see expanded bike lane access to reduce vehicle traffic and improve bike and pedestrian safety. We want safer streets in our area and this project will make our community healthier, protect vulnerable road users of all types and enhance livability for residents of all ages.

I'd also like to voice my support for the Cheltenham Ave Road Diet Study. I frequent that area and agree that vehicle speed reduction and pedestrian/bike safety needs improvement.

Excited for the impacts of these grants to be felt throughout the area if chosen.

Thank you and have a great night,

Karen

Karen Acker

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Nora Salzman  
**Zip Code:** 19046  
**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Dear DVRPC Board,

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Thank you for your time.

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Gabriel Mills

**Zip Code:** Not provided

**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

**Comment/Question:** Hello,

I'd like to emphasize my support for a separated bike lane plan for Abington. My family and I are all avid bikers and with two young children I wholeheartedly support a plan that would increase the safety of my, and others, families. Thank you for your consideration.

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Allison DeMatteo

**Zip Code:** Not provided

**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

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Thank you for your time,  
Allison DeMatteo

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.

**From:** Trevor Lee

**Zip Code:** Not provided

**Date Received:** May 22, 2024

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Thank you for your time,

Trevor Lee

**Response:** Thank you for your comment and support. Your comment was shared with the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Community and Economic Development, and Montgomery County Planning.