



# Youth Advisory Council

Getting youth on board with SEPTA

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the entire SEPTA Youth Advisory Council, I would like to express support for the Ardmore Transportation Center TIGER VI submission.

The SEPTA Youth Advisory council is an independent committee charged with representing those 14-22 years of age living, working, and/or attending school within the SEPTA Service Area. It is our belief that renovating the Ardmore Transportation Center will be very beneficial to the community, benefiting the youth demographic in particular. With many youth centers surrounding Ardmore, including some prestigious universities such as Bryn Mawr and Villanova, Ardmore is a prime location for investment. Most notably, this project is beneficial in that it epitomizes the reason for which SEPTA's train service is dubbed Regional Rail rather than Commuter Rail: Ardmore is a destination in and of itself, attracting travelers from surrounding suburbs and Center City Philadelphia. The improvements funded by the TIGER grant would not only benefit the portion of the Ardmore population which commutes to Philadelphia by train, but would also benefit people traveling to and from area colleges, neighboring towns, the Greater Philadelphia region, and even Harrisburg and New York (both accessible via Amtrak's *Keystone Service*).

As more youth and car-free college students turn to alternative forms of transportation, investing in station improvements, accessibility, and desirability are a must. Moreover, given the breadth of impact that comes by investing particularly in Ardmore's facilities, the SEPTA's Youth Advisory Council hereby fully endorses this project and encourages the TIGER program to do the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey A. Kessler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jeffrey A. Kessler

Executive Chair

SEPTA Youth Advisory Council