

SEPTA Implications for Malvern Borough

[SEPTA Forward](#) is SEPTA's 2021-2026 strategic plan. The three major initiatives are [Project Metro](#), [Reimagining Regional Rail](#), and [Bus Revolution](#). SEPTA is currently seeking public feedback on options and plans to finalize recommendations this summer, with schedule changes beginning in 2023.

Regional Rail

On May 18th, 2022, SEPTA released [three options](#) for regional rail service. Below is a summary of the three scenarios and their implications for Malvern Borough.

1. Regional Coverage: "30-minute all-day service everywhere"
 - a. Local service at Malvern every 30 minutes
 - b. Express service at Paoli peak-only
2. Metro Frequency: "High-frequency SEPTA Metro style service where demand is highest"
 - a. Local service at Malvern every 60 minutes
 - b. Local service at Radnor every 15 minutes
3. All Day Speed: "All-day express service better integrated with Amtrak"
 - a. Local service at Malvern every 60 minutes
 - b. Express service at Paoli every 30 minutes

SEPTA is currently collecting feedback on these options through a [virtual tool](#).

Bus Service

On April 18th, 2022, SEPTA released [two options](#) for bus service. Below is a summary of the two scenarios and their implications for Malvern Borough.

1. More routes with all-day frequent service, but fewer routes overall
 - a. Fixed-route service from Malvern to Rosemont every 30 minutes
 - b. Microtransit service around Malvern with 30-minute wait time
2. More routes overall, but fewer routes with all-day frequent service
 - a. Fixed-route service from Malvern to Rosemont and West Chester every 60 minutes
 - b. Microtransit service around Malvern with 30-minute wait time

Microtransit is a new, flexible public transportation service that allows riders to request a trip on their smartphone, computer, telephone and be picked up within a specified wait time. Trips can begin and end anywhere within a specified zone. In both scenarios, Malvern's microtransit zone extends north to Atwater and west to Immaculata, but not east to Paoli.

SEPTA is hosting a [Virtual Community Conversation for Chester County](#) on Tuesday, June 28th, 6:30-7:30pm. They are also collecting feedback via an [online survey](#).

