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](#).