Background

For over 90 years, City Hall Station and 15th Street Station have been the hub of Philadelphia's public transit system, serving thousands of riders every day and allowing free interchange between the Broad Street Line, Market-Frankford Line, and Trolley Lines. The station complex also provides easy pedestrian access to Regional Rail Lines at Suburban Station and to SEPTA buses along Market and Broad Streets. Because of its engineering significance, City Hall Station is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

After decades of use, the stations are in need of repair, customer amenity upgrades and aesthetic enhancements to improve their overall appearance and serve the public for the next 50 years. In addition, City Hall Station and the Market-Frankford Line 15th Street Station require improvements to allow full access to the stations for all users and to meet standards required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Proposed Improvements

SEPTA has recently completed work under Dilworth Park, creating a new transit gateway to the Broad Street, Market-Frankford, and Trolley Lines with entrances and new elevators that make transit levels accessible. Now, with additional state and federal funding, the remaining phases of design work and construction are moving forward. Once completed, the renovated City Hall and 15th Street Stations will be more user-friendly, safer and more secure, accessible to all users, easier to maintain, and in compliance with applicable codes. The renovations will incorporate environmentally-friendly methods and materials. Specifically, this project will:

• **Provide full access for riders with disabilities** through new elevators and ramps to all levels of both stations, new and wider ramped corridors connecting the stations, and new accessible fare line gates.

• **Improve passenger flow** with new and reconfigured fare lines outfitted for the new SEPTA Key program, new stairs and railings, and more open areas in the 15th Street Mezzanine and on the platforms.

• **Update station interiors and systems** including new architectural finishes, new signs, Art-in-Transit, new seating and other amenities, new lighting and public address systems, and closed-circuit TV.
Proposed Project Phasing

SEPTA has divided the renovations into four phases in an effort to keep the stations open and to minimize disruptions to customers and the surrounding area and to coordinate with other planning efforts underway in the vicinity of City Hall.

- **Dilworth Park (Phase 1)**, now complete, included work in order to prepare for the park’s reconstruction by the Center City District (CCD). Since much of the renovation work on City Hall Station will happen just below Dilworth Park, SEPTA has been working in partnership with CCD to coordinate the two projects. The work in this phase included the new station entrance in the park outside the west portal of City Hall.

- **15th Street Station (Phase 2)** will include new elevators for 15th Street Station and overall interior renovations and upgrades to station finishes, lighting, fare lines, and amenities. This project is in the design phase with construction anticipated to begin in Winter 2016.

- **Inter-Station Connections (Phase 3)** will include new and widened corridors with ramps, improved ventilation structures, platform wall openings for easier connections, and new elevator shaftways from the mezzanines to the platforms.

- **City Hall Station (Phase 4)** will include upgrades within City Hall Station including elevators to complete ADA compliance and new or renovated platforms, stairs, lighting, and amenities.

For More Information

SEPTA will continue to engage the public throughout the design process to provide information about this project and to hear feedback. These efforts include information booths set up in the 15th Street and City Hall Stations as well as a public meeting. If you are interested in learning more about any upcoming public events or have any questions, concerns, or comments regarding this project, please contact SEPTA City Hall Renovations c/o Patricia Miller-Evans, Government and Public Affairs at pmillerevans@septa.org or by phone at 215-580-3609.

Thank you for your interest in the proposed improvements to your station. Visit [www.septa.org/rebuilding](http://www.septa.org/rebuilding) for more information.