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Law Enforcement and Public Safety Agencies Announce Security Restrictions and Joint Transportation Plan for the 2015 Papal Visit to Philadelphia, PA

(Philadelphia, PA) – Today, Law Enforcement and Public Safety Agencies announce the Security Restrictions and Joint Transportation Plan for the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia, PA. Events and activities celebrating the visit of Pope Francis, a designated National Special Security Event by the Department of Homeland Security, will take place on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27.

Security and transportation plans have been developed by a partnership of local, state and federal law enforcement and public safety agencies, including the Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia Fire Department, Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management, Pennsylvania State Police, New Jersey State Police, Pennsylvania National Guard, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, AMTRAK, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, New Jersey Department of Transportation, Port Authority Transit Corporation, Delaware River Port Authority, New Jersey Transit, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Federal Aviation

Administration, Transportation Security Administration and the U.S. Secret Service. Every effort has been made to minimize the impact of these safety measures.

This plan provides the general outlines for road closures, vehicular restricted zones, charter vehicles, flight restricted zones, maritime restrictions and public transportation. Additional information is available online for residents of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as for charter operators, through the websites and social media accounts listed at the end of this plan. Additions to this plan may be made prior to the start of events and will be updated on these accounts and associated websites. Specific questions regarding this transportation plan should be directed to the participating agencies as identified.

Road Closures and Parking Restrictions

Road closures, parking restrictions and changes to public transportation routes and public works services will be necessary during the Papal Visit to Center City Philadelphia. The public's cooperation and patience in abiding by these restrictions is appreciated.

Parking restricted areas will be posted with "Emergency No Parking" signage. Fencing, other physical barriers and uniformed law enforcement officers will also be utilized to enforce vehicle restricted zones. A map of the restricted areas in Center City Philadelphia is attached.

The following streets describe the U.S. Secret Service secure vehicle perimeter or "no vehicle zone". Only the streets that **outline** the secure vehicle perimeter are described below and these streets **will be** open to vehicular traffic. Every street inside of the below described perimeter will be closed to vehicular traffic.

Beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, the following secure vehicle perimeter will go into effect:

- Fairmount Drive from the intersection of Kelly Drive to N 24th Street
- 24th Street between Fairmount Drive and Wallace Street
- Wallace Street between N 24th Street and N 23rd Street
- N 23rd Street between Wallace Street and Mount Vernon Street
- Mount Vernon Street between N 23rd Street and N 22nd Street
- N 22nd Street between Mount Vernon Street and Green Street
- Green Street between N 22nd Street and N 21st Street
- N 21st Street between Green Street and Brandywine Street
- Brandywine Street between N 21st Street and N 20th Street
- N 20th Street between Brandywine Street and Hamilton Street
- Hamilton Street between N 20th Street and N 19th Street
- Through the north side of the park between N 19th Street and N 18th Street
- The Community College of Philadelphia will serve as the perimeter between N 18th Street and N 17th Street
- N 17th Street south of Spring Garden Street to Callowhill Street
- Callowhill Street between N 17th Street and N 16th Street
- N 16th Street from Callowhill Street, over I-676 (Vine Street Expressway) to the East Bound Lanes of Vine Street

- Along the sidewalk that parallels East Bound Vine Street and runs perpendicular to the Hahnemann Hospital – Drexel University College of Medicine
- Vine Street between N 15th and N Broad Street
- N Broad Street between N 15th Street and Race Street
- Race Street between N Broad Street and N 12th Street
- * N 12th Street continuing S to S 12th Street between Race Street and Sansom Street* (**This will change beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25**)
- Sansom Street between S 12th Street and S 17th Street
- S 17th Street between Sansom Street and Chestnut Street
- Chestnut Street between S 17th Street and S 18th Street
- S 18th Street continuing N to N 18th Street between Chestnut Street and Cuthbert Street
- Cuthbert Street between N 18th Street and N 21st Street
- N 21st Street between Cuthbert Street and Cherry Street
- Cherry Street between N 21st Street, past N 23rd Street to the River

Beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25, the following secure vehicle perimeter will go into effect:

- * N 12th Street between Race Street and Filbert Street* (**The secure vehicle perimeter map that was released on August 13 showed the secure border from N 12th Street between Race Street and Arch Street. As an update, the secure border now runs from N 12th Street between Race Street and Filbert Street**)
- Filbert Street between N 12th Street and N 9th Street
- N 9th between Filbert Street and Cherry Street
- Cherry Street between N 9th Street and N 8th Street
- N 8th Street from Cherry Street continuing N across the eastbound lanes of Vine Street, under I-676 (Vine Street Expressway) and across the westbound lanes of Vine Street
- The perimeter will run parallel to I-676 through a grassy area to N 6th street
- N 6th Street just south of Callowhill Street to the structure supporting I-676 and over to the area of Randolph Street, Vine Street and across N 5th Street
- New Street/Marginal Road between N 5th Street and N 4th Street
- N 4th Street between New Street/Marginal Road and Arch Street
- Arch Street between N 4th Street and N 3rd Street
- N 3rd Street continuing S to S 3rd Street between Arch Street and Willings Alley near St. James Place
- Through Willings Alley to S 4th Street
- S 4th Street between Willings Alley and Locust Street
- Locust Street between S 4th Street and S 6th Street
- S 6th Street between Locust Street and S. Washington Square
- S. Washington Square between S 6th Street and S 7th Street
- S 7th Street between S. Washington Square and Manning Street
- Manning Street between S 7th Street and S 8th Street
- *S 8th Street to Spruce Street* (**The attached map indicates that the barrier is just north of Spruce Street. As an update, the barrier will be on the north side of Spruce Street between S 8th Street and S 9th Street**)
- Spruce Street between S 8th Street and S 9th Street

- S 9th street from between Spruce Street and Cherry Street
- Cherry Street between S 9th Street and S 12th Street

Security Checkpoint Locations

Below are the Ben Franklin Parkway event security entry points for ticket holders on Saturday, September 26 (Festival of Families) and Sunday, September 27 (Papal Mass), beginning at 6:00 a.m. each day.

- Pennsylvania Avenue at the intersection of N 23rd Street and Spring Garden Street
- N 22nd Street at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Hamilton Street
- Hamilton Street between N 21st and N 22nd Streets
- 21st Street between Hamilton Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
- N 20th Street at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Callowhill Street
- N 20th Street at Race Street
- N 21st Street at Winter Street

Below are the Ben Franklin Parkway event security entry points for non-ticket holders on Saturday, September 26, 2015 ONLY (Festival of Families), beginning at 6:00 a.m.

- N 15th Street at Cherry Street
- N Broad Street at Cherry Street
- S Broad Street at Chestnut Street
- S 15th Street at Chestnut Street
- S 17th Street at Market Street
- S 17th Street at John F. Kennedy Boulevard

Below are the Ben Franklin Parkway event security entry points for non-ticket holders on Sunday, September 27, 2015 (Papal Mass), beginning at 6:00 a.m.

- N 19th Street at Wood Street
- N 18th Street at Cherry Street
- N 19th Street at Cherry Street

Below are the Independence Mall event security entry points for ticket holders on Saturday, September 26 ONLY (Meeting for Religious Freedom), beginning at 6:00 a.m.

- N 6th Street at Race Street
- N 5th Street at Race Street
- N 5th Street at Arch Street
- N 4th Street at Market Street
- S 4th Street at Chestnut Street

State of Pennsylvania Vehicular Restrictions

All vehicular road restrictions will be coordinated between the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions. The below road closures will begin on Friday, September 25 at 10 p.m., until Monday morning, September 28:

- I-76 eastbound from I-476 to I-95 and I-76 westbound from I-95 to U.S. Route 1 (Roosevelt Extension)
- I-676 in both directions from I-76 to I-95
- I-95 northbound and southbound exit ramps to Callowhill Street
- I-95 northbound and southbound exit ramps to I-676
- I-95 northbound and southbound exit ramps to Washington Avenue (Open to registered buses only)
- I-95 northbound and southbound exit ramps to Broad Street (Open to registered buses only)

The following exit ramp closures will begin Thursday, September 24 at 10:00 p.m., until Monday morning, September 28:

- I-676 East exit at 23rd Street/Ben Franklin Parkway
- I-676 East exit at Broad Street (PA 611)
- I-676 East exit at 8th Street
- I-676 West exit at Broad Street (PA 611)
- I-676 West exit at Ben Franklin Parkway

The below road closure will begin Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m., until late Sunday afternoon, September 27:

- U.S. Route 1 in both directions from U.S. 30 to Belmont Avenue

State of New Jersey Vehicular Restrictions

All vehicular road restrictions will be coordinated between the New Jersey State Police, the New Jersey Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions. The below road closures will begin on Friday, September 25 at 10:00 p.m., until noon Monday, September 28:

- Ben Franklin Bridge between Camden and Philadelphia
- I-676 northbound from Exit 3 to the Ben Franklin Bridge
- Route 30 westbound from Airport Circle (Route 38/130) to the Ben Franklin Bridge

The above closures will result in congestion on state highways particularly in Camden, Burlington, Gloucester and Salem counties. Interstate 295 as well as Routes 38, 42, 45, 47, 55, 70, 73, 90, 130, 168 and 322 are expected to be effected by increased traffic. Additional volume can be expected on the NJ Turnpike and Atlantic City Expressway.

In addition, NJDOT will be implementing a construction activity embargo. No temporary lane closures, moving operations or shoulder closures will be permitted starting at 5:00 a.m., Thursday, September 24, 2015 to Monday, September 28, 2015 along the entire length of I-676, I-76 and Route 168. The construction embargo will also apply to portions of Routes 30, 38, 42, 55, 73, 90, 130, 322 and I-295.

For more information about what to expect regarding transportation in New Jersey during the Papal visit, go to www.PopeNJ.com.

Public Transportation

Papal event attendees are encouraged to use public transportation as many streets in and around Center City Philadelphia will be closed to private vehicles.

SEPTA

On Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, SEPTA will double capacity by modifying Regional Rail operations in an effort to accommodate travel demand. Center City drop-off and boarding locations are listed below and riders will have to board at the same Center City Station they were dropped off for return service to their outlying station. Service will operate express-type inbound service every half-hour from the outlying stations to Center City from 5:30 a.m. to noon both days. Below are the Regional Rail lines and outlying stations that will be in operation, listed by their Center City drop-off/boarding station. All Center City drop-off/boarding stations are located within the Francis Festival Grounds: (Please see attached map)

Jefferson Station

- Norristown/Manayunk Line - Norristown Transportation Center
- Lansdale/Doylestown Line - Pennbrook and Fort Washington Stations
- Warminster Line - Warminster Station
- West Trenton Line - Woodbourne Station
- Fox Chase Line - Fox Chase Station
- *Airport Line - Terminal A/B, Terminal C/D

30th Street Station

- Paoli/Thorndale Line - Paoli and Radnor Stations
- Chestnut Hill West Line - Chestnut Hill West Station
- Trenton Line – Levittown and Croydon/Cornwells Heights Stations
- Wilmington/Newark Line - Wilmington and Marcus Hook Stations

University City Station

- Media/Elwyn Line - Media and Primos Stations
- *Airport Line – Eastwick Station
- *Airport Line – Terminal A/B, Terminal C/D

SEPTA is urging customers planning to use rail service for Papal Visit travel to arrange to be dropped off at or near one of the open outlying stations. Parking will be limited at SEPTA stations and surrounding locations, and spots are expected to fill up quickly both days. However, SEPTA is working with local officials, businesses and other organizations to offer additional parking at or near these stations. The Papal Visit section of www.septa.org/papalvisitphilly features an interactive matrix with customized maps showing available parking and suburban road closures surrounding the 18 outlying Regional Rail Stations opened during the Papal Visit weekend.

*The Airport Line is the only Regional Rail line that will operate inbound and outbound both days and these trains will operate every 30 minutes. As noted above, Airport Line trains will stop in Center City at Jefferson and University City Stations. Local residents and other visitors traveling to Center City to see the Pope can pay to park in an airport lot and those with pre-purchased One Day Papal Passes will get priority boarding between 5:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. After 8:00 a.m., pre-purchased tickets and weekly and month passes that are normally valid for the Airport Line will be accepted. Airport employees commuting to work, as well as those with a flight reservation, will be able to board at the Jefferson and University City Stations as noted above. These airport bound trains will not stop at the Eastwick, 30th Street or Suburban stations.

SEPTA Subway Service

SEPTA has doubled the number of stations scheduled to be open for the Papal Visit along the Market-Frankford and Broad Street Lines – among them, 8th Street and 34th Street on the Market-Frankford Line, which provide close access to the Francis Festival Grounds. The service plan has been adjusted in response to requests from riders and businesses regarding transit service for weekend commuting needs, and to provide additional travel options for those going to see the Pope.

Trains on the Market-Frankford and Broad Street Lines will operate in both directions the weekend of September 26 to September 27 from 5:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. each day. There will be no overnight weekend service on these lines during the Papal Visit.

The updated service map of open stations is included with this press release. Here is a summary of the updated service plan:

- **Market-Frankford Line Eastbound Express Service:** Will run from 69th Street Transportation Center directly to 30th Street Station. These same trains will then continue with Local service, stopping at 8th Street Station, 2nd Street Station; Girard Station; Huntingdon Station; Allegheny Station; Erie-Torresdale Station; Arrott Transportation Center; and Frankford Transportation Center.
- **Market-Frankford Line Eastbound Local Service:** Trains will originate at 60th Street Station, with stops at 52nd Street Station; 34th Street Station; 30th Street; 8th Street; 2nd Street; Girard; Huntingdon; Allegheny; Erie-Torresdale; Arrott Transportation Center; and Frankford Transportation Center.
- **Market-Frankford Line Westbound Express Service:** Trips will operate from Frankford Transportation Center directly to 2nd Street, then continue with Local service to 8th Street; 30th Street; 34th Street; 52nd Street; 60th Street; and 69th Street Transportation Center.
- **Market-Frankford Line Westbound Local Service:** Trips will originate at Arrott Transportation Center, with stops at Erie-Torresdale; Allegheny; Huntingdon; Girard; 2nd Street; 8th Street; 30th Street; 34th Street; 52nd Street; 60th Street; and 69th Street Transportation Center.
- **Broad Street Line Northbound Express Service:** Trains will run from AT&T Station directly to Walnut-Locust Station. These trains will continue with Local service to Spring Garden Station; Cecil B. Moore Station; North Philadelphia Station; Erie Station; Olney Transportation Center; and Fern Rock Transportation Center.

- **Broad Street Line Northbound Local Service:** Trains will operate from Snyder Station to Walnut-Locust; Spring Garden; Cecil B. Moore; North Philadelphia; Erie; Olney Transportation Center; and Fern Rock Transportation Center.
- **Broad Street Line Southbound Express Service:** Trains will run from Fern Rock Transportation Center directly to Spring Garden; these trains will continue with Local service to Walnut-Locust; Snyder; and AT&T Station.
- **Broad Street Line Southbound Local Service:** Trains will originate at Olney Transportation Center, with stops at Erie; North Philadelphia; Cecil B. Moore; Spring Garden; Walnut-Locust; Snyder; and AT&T Station.

Customers using the Market-Frankford and Broad Street Lines can ride using their existing fare instruments, such as weekly and monthly passes and tokens. In addition, SEPTA now has a special \$10 Three-Day Papal Transit Pass – or \$5 for those who qualify for reduced fare – on sale now that will be valid for travel on the Market-Frankford and Broad Street Lines, as well as buses and trolleys, between Saturday, September 26 and Monday, September 28. These passes are on sale at SEPTA sales locations; for a list of sales offices, visit the Papal Visit section of SEPTA’s website at <http://www.septa.org/papalvisitphilly>. Weekly, monthly and Three-Day Papal Transit Passes, as well as tokens and cash, can be used for travel on buses and trolleys.

For ease of travel, riders are urged to purchase passes or tokens ahead of the Papal Visit.

SEPTA Bus Service

Many SEPTA bus routes will be adjusted during the weekend of the Papal Visit to complement increased capacity on the rail network and to maximize operations while traffic restrictions are in place. Service will run on weekday schedules providing more frequent service than normal Saturday and Sunday operations. By utilizing weekday service, a number of major City Transit routes will allow attendees to get close to the events. Additionally, this weekday service will facilitate getting attendees to connecting services such as the Market-Frankford Line subway/elevated and the Broad Street Line subway.

City Transit Buses operating with this weekday-level service will include routes 3, 5, 6, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 31, 33, 42, 47, 50, 52, 55, 58, 66, 70 and R. City Trolley Routes 11, 13, 34 and 36 will make all regular stops from the start of each line in Philadelphia and Delaware Counties to the 40th Street Portal. From 40th Street, the next and last stop will be 30th Street. Similarly, a number of key Suburban Transit Bus routes, including those that provide access to Regional Rail service and destinations such as the Philadelphia International Airport, will also remain on weekday schedules through the weekend. This includes Routes 99, 103, 104, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 123, 124, 125, 201 and 206.

In addition, dozens of other routes in the city and the suburbs will maintain regular weekend service levels. Some of these routes will be subject to detours due to road closures. Traffic restrictions will also result in the suspension of 28 city and suburban bus routes. The Route 10 trolley will also be suspended.

For more information about SEPTA’s service plan, please visit <http://www.septa.org/papalvisitphilly>.

NJ TRANSIT

NJ TRANSIT's *Atlantic City Rail Line* will operate reservation-only hourly trips from the Atlantic City Rail Terminal which will express to 30th Street Station in Philadelphia beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27. The trains will NOT stop at Absecon, Egg Harbor City, Hammonton, Atco, Lindenwold, Cherry Hill, and Pennsauken. The last train to leave Atlantic City bound for Philadelphia will be at 3:00 p.m. Travel time will be about one hour and 25 minutes. A total of 690 seats will be available on each train, with a total of 4,140 available seats for the eight-hour service to 30th Street Station. Following the Papal events, trains will leave 30th Street Station expressing to Atlantic City at 10:00 p.m. and operate on the half-hour. Please note, no bicycles will be allowed on the *Atlantic City Rail Line* during the weekend of the Papal Visit.

Special round trip tickets will be needed to travel on the *Atlantic City Rail Line* on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27. No other tickets, including monthly passes, Family Super Saver or cash, will be accepted on the *Atlantic City Rail Line*. The limited tickets are on sale now at njtransit.com/papal. The last day to purchase tickets will be Friday, September 25.

To accommodate customers traveling to stations not being served by rail, an enhanced Bus Route No. 554 service will supplement the *Atlantic City Rail Line* and stop at stations between Atlantic City and Lindenwold. This bus will continue express service to Walter Rand Transportation Center in Camden. The No. 554 bus route does not serve Cherry Hill or Pennsauken.

Bus Route No. 419 service will accommodate customers departing from Pennsauken Transit Center for travel to Camden, and Bus Route No. 450 will serve customers who want to travel from Cherry Hill station to Camden. Additionally, Bus Route No. 406 service will accommodate customers traveling from Route 70 in Cherry Hill to Camden.

NJ TRANSIT's *River Line* will offer limited service and operate on a 15-minute schedule starting at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 from Trenton, making stops at Bordentown, Florence, Burlington South, Route 73, Pennsauken Transit Center and the Walter Rand Transportation Center. Trains will NOT stop at Hamilton Avenue, Cass Street, Robeling, Burlington Towne Center, Beverly/Edgewater Park, Delanco, Riverside, Cinnaminson, Riverton, Palmyra, and 36th Street. Once events in Philadelphia have begun, the *River Line* will shift to a 30-minute schedule.

Trains will not operate beyond the Walter Rand Transportation Center in downtown Camden due to expected crowded road conditions. Following the Papal events, *River Line* trains will leave the Walter Rand Transportation Center on a load-and-go basis. In an attempt to increase overall seating capacity, no bicycles will be allowed on *River Line* trains that weekend.

Special round trip tickets will be needed to ride the *River Line*. No other tickets, including monthly passes or cash, will be accepted on the *River Line*. The limited tickets are on sale now at njtransit.com/papal, or at all *River Line* stations. The last day to purchase tickets will be Friday, September 25.

To accommodate customers wanting to go to stations on the *River Line* not being served by train service on Saturday and Sunday, bus service that parallels the *River Line* will operate additional service and stop at those stations.

NJ TRANSIT Bus Service

- Once the Ben Franklin Bridge is closed to vehicular traffic, all bus routes that normally travel to Center City Philadelphia will terminate at the Walter Rand Transportation Center in Camden but will remain on schedule for trips outbound from the Camden area
- Limited additional bus service will operate on Route 419 which runs along the River Line between Burlington Town Center and Camden
- Limited additional service will be provided on Route 554
- No special ticketing is needed for regular bus route service

Access Link

Access Link, NJ TRANSIT's ADA-paratransit service to and from Philadelphia, will be suspended on Friday, September 25 following the closure of the Ben Franklin Bridge. Regular reservation service will resume on Tuesday, September 29. On Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, all service in and out of Camden County will be suspended.

For complete train schedule and ticketing information for both the *Atlantic City Rail Line* and the *River Line*, please visit www.njtransit.com/papal.

PATCO/DRPA

As mentioned above, in an effort to facilitate pedestrian travel into Center City Philadelphia, the Ben Franklin Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning on Friday, September 25 at 10:00 p.m. The Ben Franklin Bridge will re-open for vehicular traffic on Monday, September 28 at or around 12:00 noon. During this period, PATCO will operate express trains providing non-stop, one-way service westbound into Center City Philadelphia on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27. This express service will operate every 16 minutes to the 9/10th and Locust Street Stations in Center City from the Lindenwold, Woodcrest, Ferry Avenue and Broadway stations in New Jersey. There will be no PATCO service or operations at any station other than those above. For the return trip eastbound to New Jersey, trains will depart the 9/10th and Locust Street Stations in Center City and stop only at the stations listed above. This express return service will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 and will operate until for several hours. Riders should expect long lines departing Philadelphia to return to New Jersey.

For more information regarding DRPA/PATCO, please visit www.drpa.org/papalvist.

AMTRAK

With some minor exceptions, operations in and around New York and Washington will be normal, although passengers should expect large crowds during the Pope's scheduled events. Amtrak service will operate on a normal weekday schedule Monday, September 21, 2015 through Friday, September 25, 2015 with extra coaches added to some trains to accommodate additional demand. Starting Friday, September 25 through Monday, September 28 reservations will be required on all *Acela Express*, *Northeast Regional* and *Keystone Service* trains. Amtrak will operate Philadelphia-centric "Event Extra" service on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 in some cases utilizing equipment from Amtrak commuter partners.

To better ensure efficient train movements for all users of the NEC, Amtrak will suspend maintenance activities, pre-position rescue equipment to quickly respond to any disabled train and continuously share real-time dispatching information with our regional transit agency partners.

30th Street Station

To ensure public safety and aid in crowd control, some special procedures will be implemented at the Philadelphia 30th Street Station during the weekend of the Papal Visit. In addition to Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT trains, SEPTA service to/from Levittown, Marcus Hook, Wilmington, Croydon and Cornwells Heights, will operate from the lower-level/main concourse. Specific boarding procedures and recommended points of entry will be announced at a later date. Additional station personnel and ambassadors will be on hand to assist, but passengers should expect long lines and crowded conditions.

Taxi service and rental cars will not be available to/from 30th Street Station. Station restrooms will be closed to the public but facilities will be available outside. Food court eateries will be open and accessible from the Market Street entrance.

Tickets for all Amtrak trains are available now at Amtrak.com. Passengers are advised to book as early as possible to ensure availability. Additional announcements with more detailed information will be made in the weeks to come and posted to www.amtrak.com/papalvisit, which will be updated regularly.

Charter Buses

As the City of Philadelphia prepares to host the 2015 World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis in a few weeks, it's important to note that convenient transportation options are widely available across all transportation partners and agencies, including SEPTA, Amtrak, PATCO and NJ TRANSIT. Currently, 1,100 buses have registered through GO GROUND, the official transportation management partner of the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015. The World Meeting of Families secured appropriate bus parking throughout the Greater Philadelphia area and they anticipate the Stadium Complex to serve as the primary parking location where visitors will have easy access from the Stadium into Center City via the Broad Street Line subway.

Registration for buses through GO GROUND has closed; however, GO GROUND has recently launched a new portal that allows individuals and families to book available seats on charter buses in their area. This portal will have a zip code search function that will allow visitors to easily book a bus traveling from their area. To “book a seat,” attendees are encouraged to visit: <http://wmof.goground.com/find-a-trip>.

In addition, to help residents, businesses, visitors and families plan their trips to the Papal events, the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 launched a new transportation website that outlines detailed transportation options and encourages planning based on different scenarios and locations. It's important to note that planning in advance is critical and those who will be in attendance during the Papal Visit weekend are encouraged to map out their trips and pre-purchase appropriate fares and tickets by visiting the new transportation website, which can be accessed here: <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/plan-your-visit/travel-transportation/>.

Biking

During the Papal events on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, bikes will be permitted inside the Francis Festival Grounds, which will be closed to motor vehicles that wish to enter. Additionally, bikes will be allowed inside of the Secret Service secure vehicle perimeter. However, bikes will not be allowed inside the Secret Service inner secure perimeter (inside of the magnetometer checkpoint locations), and will therefore need to be parked and locked before entering this area. Similar to daily rush hours, bikes will also be prohibited on Mass Transit.

Airspace Restrictions

An interagency airspace security plan will be implemented to provide secure airspace over the Philadelphia, PA metropolitan area during the Papal Visit. A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight advisory listing enhanced restrictions was released on August 18, 2015. The enhanced airspace restrictions can be accessed online at the Federal Aviation Administration web page at www.faa.gov. Pilot inquiries should be directed to 267-551-7740.

The NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) discussed in the August advisory may change with little or no notice. Pilots are advised to check NOTAMs frequently for possible changes prior to operations in the Philadelphia, PA area. Additionally, pilots are strongly encouraged to contact a Flight Service Station at 1-800-992-7433 prior to flight to check for all current NOTAMs.

Unmanned aircraft systems, drones and radio-control model aircraft are subject to FAA flight restrictions and are prohibited from operating anywhere within 30 nautical miles of downtown Philadelphia from the morning of September 26 through the evening of September 27. Failure to comply with FAA flight restrictions may result in civil and/or criminal penalties. To report drone flights during the Papal Visit, please contact authorities at 267-551-7740. Please visit www.FAA.gov for further information.

Marina/Waterway Restrictions

The U.S. Coast Guard will establish security zones on portions of the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers during the Papal Visit. These security zones will be in effect from Friday, September 25 to Monday, September 28. An aerial depiction is attached.

Vessel traffic will be restricted while the security zones are in effect to enhance security for Pope Francis, other dignitaries, and the public attending events throughout the weekend.

The following security zones will be enforced:

- Airport: September 26 at 6:00 a.m. – September 28 at 2:00 a.m.

All of the Delaware River from the east end of Little Tinicum Island to the mouth of the Schuylkill River.

- Schuylkill River: September 25 at 6:00 a.m. – September 28 at 2:00 a.m.

All waters of the Schuylkill River from the South 34th Street Bridge north and ending at the West Girard Avenue Bridge.

- Girard Point Bridge: September 25 at 6:00 a.m. – September 28 at 2:00 a.m.

All waters from the mouth of the Schuylkill River to 500 yards north of the George C. Platt Memorial Bridge.

- Benjamin Franklin Bridge: September 26 at 6:00 a.m. – September 28 at 2:00 a.m.

All waters extending from the Pennsylvania shoreline to the New Jersey shoreline, extending from 39°56'31"N south of the bridge to 39°57'23"N north of the bridge.

- Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility: September 27 at 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

All water of the Delaware River adjacent to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility, in North-East Philadelphia, PA, bounded from shoreline to shoreline, bounded on the south by a line running east to west from points along the shoreline at latitude 40°00'54"N, longitude 075°01'00"W; then to latitude 40°01'15"N, longitude 075°01'19"W, and bounded on the north by a line running east to west from points along the shoreline at latitude 40°01'58"N, longitude 074°59'24"W; then to latitude 40°02'15"N, longitude 074°59'55"W.

Boaters should monitor VHF-FM channel 16 on the days of the event for detailed information on waterway closures or restrictions, and allow for extra transit time. Entering or operating in a security zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port.

For any additional questions regarding waterways during the 2015 Papal Visit in Philadelphia, send an email to Henry.G.Dunphy@uscg.mil or call 215-778-5843.

Online Information & Social Media

The City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania and the World Meeting of Families will use several online resources for communicating useful information regarding emergencies, severe weather conditions, street closures, traffic disruptions and more.

Visit <http://www.phila.gov> for information on city services during the weekend of the Papal events and also visit <http://www.phila.gov/ready> and register for “ReadyPhiladelphia” to receive emergency text and email alert notifications. Individuals may also sign up for “readynotifypa” by visiting <http://www.readynotifypa.org> to receive message alerts via text message or email related to extreme weather alerts, traffic disruptions and other emergencies. Additionally, individuals can sign up for Alert PA at <https://alert.pa.gov> and also download the “Go Phila app”. Both of these services have the ability to broadcast free emergency announcements, timely emergency alerts, notifications and updates to your smartphone device and email.

Information and updates prior to and during the 2015 Papal visit will be available online through the following websites:

- City of Philadelphia – www.phila.gov
- World Meeting of Families - www.worldmeeting2015.org
- Philadelphia Police Department – <https://phillypolice.com>
- SEPTA – www.septa.org/papalvisitphilly
- NJ TRANSIT - www.njtransit.com/papal
- PATCO/DRPA – www.drpa.org/papalvist
- NJ State Police – www.njsp.org
- Amtrak – www.amtrak.com
- GO GROUND – wmof.goground.com
- PENN DOT – www.dot.state.pa.us
- Philadelphia International Airport – www.phl.org
- Federal Aviation Administration flight restrictions – www.faa.gov
- U.S. Coast Guard – www.uscg.mil/d5/secdelawarebay/
- U.S. Secret Service – www.secretservice.gov
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection – www.cbp.gov

Some of the Twitter sites being used to communicate information from the 2015 Papal Visit public safety and security partners include:

- U.S. Secret Service – @SecretService
- Philadelphia Police Department - @PhillyPolice
- Philadelphia Fire Department - @PhillyFireDept
- Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management - @PhilaOEM
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security - @DHSgov
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection - @CustomsBorder / @CBPMidAtlantic
- City of Philadelphia - @PhiladelphiaGov
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - @GovernorTomWolf
- World Meeting of Families - @WMF2015
- Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency - @ReadyPA
- New Jersey State Police - @NJSP
- Amtrak - @Amtrak
- New Jersey Transit - @NJTRANSIT
- PATCO - @RidePATCO
- PENN DOT - @PennDOTNews
- Philadelphia International Airport - @PHLAirport
- SEPTA - @SEPTA / @SEPTA_SOCIAL / @SEPTANews

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