

Getting Around Philadelphia – Transportation Guide



Welcome to the guide designed to support Fox Chase Cancer Center employees and trainees with navigating public transportation in Philadelphia. This comprehensive resource covers the essentials of local travel and includes special tips for journeys to and from New York City and other states.

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Public Transportation:

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA):

About: SEPTA is one of the largest transit systems in the country and is the main hub for transportation in the Philadelphia area. Its services include regional rail (train), buses, trolleys, and subways. SEPTA is also connected to other transit systems in the US including New Jersey and Delaware.

How to use:

Ticket Options

1. The Most Popular: Using a SEPTA Key Card
 - a. A SEPTA Key Card is a reusable card, similar to a credit card, that is used for all SEPTA public transportation services (bus, train, trolleys). They can only be purchased at [certain locations](#), are \$4.95, and already have \$5 on the card when purchased. Once you receive a SEPTA Key Card, it is recommended to create a SEPTA account and register the card via the SEPTA app or [website](#). Once the card is registered, you can keep adding money to the card and use it for all of your SEPTA trips. This will make it easy for you instead of needing to buy a new ticket every time.
2. Quick Trip Single Rides
 - a. These are one trip passes that can be purchased at kiosks at each station. These can be purchased via cash or credit card. For Regional Rail trains, employees can help you purchase a ticket once you are on the train.
3. One Day Neighborhood Flex Pass
 - a. This pass is often used for those that do not use SEPTA often or are visitors to Philadelphia. It is a \$13 pass that allows someone to take 10 rides in a single day. These rides include all SEPTA services.

Travel Options

1. Regional Rail
 - a. There are 13 regional rail lines that travel throughout Pennsylvania. In fact, there is [a Fox Chase line](#). Regional Rail is a preferred option to many, often used to and from getting to work, whether it is inside or outside the city. The main three regional line stations in Philadelphia are 30th St. Station, Jefferson Station, and Suburban station. All 13 regional rail lines are connected to these stations.
 - b. Watch this [1-minute video](#) on how to use Regional Rail or read this [SEPTA guide](#).
 - c. For the Regional Rail map, use this link: [Regional Rail & Rail Transit Line Map 48x48 \(septa.org\)](#)

2. Buses

- a. There are over 120 SEPTA bus routes. They are broken up into different number series depending on the location:
 - i. 90-series and 100-series: City Division Routes
 - ii. 200-series: Connects to Regional Rail stations
 - iii. 300-series: Specialized routes
 - iv. 400-series: Limited service to schools within Philadelphia
 - v. Night Owl Buses run 24 hours a day, these are: 6, 14, 17, 20, 23, 33, 37, 42, 47, 52, 56, 60, 66, 73, 79, 108, 109, G, and R.
- b. Watch this [1-minute video](#) on how to use a SEPTA bus or read this [SEPTA guide](#).
- c. For Bus Schedules, the best practice is to use the SEPTA app but schedules can also be viewed on their website: [Schedules | SEPTA](#).

3. Subways

- a. The Subway System is a popular form of transportation that is only in Philadelphia. There are two main Subway Lines, The Market-Frankford Line (MFL) and the Broad Street Line (BSL).
- b. Watch this [1-minute video](#) on how to use the MFL and BSL lines or read this [SEPTA Subway Guide](#).
- c. The Market-Frankford Line (often associated with the color **blue**) travels east-west through the city. It stops at popular neighborhood such as Fishtown, Old City, and University City. To view all MFL stops, view this link: [Market-Frankford Line Map 48x48 \(septa.org\)](#)
- d. The Broad Street Line (often associated with the color **red**) travels north-south through the city. Popular neighborhoods include East Passyunk, Chinatown, and Rittenhouse Square. To view all BSL stops, view this link: [Broad Street Line Map 48x48 \(septa.org\)](#)

4. Trolleys

- a. There are eight trolley lines provided at street level and underground in Philadelphia. These lines often connect passengers to other transit lines or specific stop in Center City.
- b. Watch this [1-minute video](#) on how to use a Trolley or read this [SEPTA Trolley guide](#).
- c. For a map of all the Trolley Routes, view this link: [City Trolley Lines Map 48x48 \(septa.org\)](#)

Uber and Lyft



About: [Uber](#) and [Lyft](#) are car rides that give passengers a sense of comfort due to its variety of services and security features. An Uber or Lyft driver can pick someone up from their current location and drive them to their desired locations. Each ride's price will differ depending on the location, length of ride, time of day, etc. In some areas of the US, Lyft is used more than Uber and vice-versa. They are very similar, and it might be useful to compare prices before requesting a ride.

How to Use:

To get started:

1. Uber and Lyft ride requests are operated through a phone app. The first thing you will need to do is download the apps.
2. Create an account with an email address and phone number.
3. Insert a payment method via the "wallet" in your Uber account or "payment" in Lyft account.

Ready to Request a ride somewhere?

1. Enter your destination in the "Where to?" in Uber or "Where are you going?" in Lyft.
2. Additionally, double check that your pickup spot is entered correctly.
3. Select the type of vehicle you would like, and tap "choose" or "select".
4. Wait for the driver to accept the request.
5. Once the request is confirmed, you can track their arrival on the map.
6. Verify the rider by matching their car model, license plate, and driver name.

How do I get to other states in the US by train?

While SEPTA is the main transit system within Philadelphia, [Amtrack](#) is the main transit system throughout all of the United States. Amtrack travels to over 500 destinations in 46 states. Visit this link to view the national route: [Amtrak National Route Map](#).

Please Note that New Jersey also provides [NJ Transit](#).

How do I travel to and from New York City?

1. Take the train: [Amtrak](#)

The two main train centers in NYC are:

1. Moynihan Train Hall
2. New York Penn Station (go to this one from the JFK Airport)

2. Bus options: [Megabus](#), [Greyhound](#)

Let's say I plan to land in NYC at the JFK Airport, how do I get to Philadelphia?

Take an Amtrak Train from New York Penn Station

(JFK > New York Penn Station > 30th St Station > Fox Chase or Desired Destination)

- In order to get to New York Penn Station, view these 6 ways, select whichever one you think is best: [New York JFK Airport \(JFK\) to New York Penn Station \(rome2rio.com\)](#). Most people book a Taxi/Uber/Lyft or take the train directly from JFK to New York Penn Station.
- Buy an Amtrak train ticket in advance from New York Penn Station to Philadelphia. The Philadelphia station would be William H. Gray III 30th St Station.
- Once you arrive at 30th St Station, you might have to take a SEPTA regional rail line to your desired destination. For example, if you are going to Fox Chase, take the Fox Chase line from 30th St. Station.
- Depending on your destination, you can opt into using Ubers/Lyfts, SEPTA Buses, Subway, or Regional Rail.

Take a Bus from 5th Ave & W 34th St (NY) to Schuylkill Ave and Walnut St (Philadelphia)

(JFK > 5th Ave & W 34th St > Schuylkill Ave & Walnut St > 30th St Station > Fox Chase or Desired Destination)

- In order to get to 5th Ave & 34th St (NY) Bus stop, view these 7 ways, select whichever one you think is best: [New York JFK Airport \(JFK\) → 5th Ave & W 34th St \(rome2rio.com\)](#)
- Buy a MegaBus ticket in advance: [megabus | Low cost bus tickets from \\$1](#). The Philadelphia Bus Stop would be Schuylkill Ave and Walnut St.
- Once you arrive at Schuylkill Ave and Walnut St, 30th St Station is a 7-minute walk.
- Once you arrive at 30th St Station, you might have to take a SEPTA regional rail line to your desired destination. For example, if you are going to Fox Chase, take the Fox Chase line from 30th St. Station.
- Depending on your destination, you can opt into using Ubers/Lyfts, SEPTA Buses, Subway, or Regional Rail.

Transportation Centers to Know:

- [PHL Philadelphia International Airport:](#)
 - If you plan to land in Philadelphia, this is the main airport. Once you arrive, you can use a variety of public transportation options to get to where you need to go. The most popular one is to take a shuttle from the airport to a center city train station, like the 30th St. Station. View Public Transportation options from the PHL Airport here: [Public Transportation | PHL.org](#)
- 30th St. Station:
 - 30th St. Station is Philadelphia's primary transit hub, connection in-city services like SEPTA with regional and national routes. This station is also where Amtrack operates, making it your go-to destination for Amtrack services.
- Jefferson and Suburban Station:
 - Jefferson and Suburban Stations are the two other major train stations in Philadelphia. While they are not as vast as 30th St. Station (not providing Amtrak services, for example), they intersect with all of the SEPTA Regional Rail lines.
- Fox Chase Station:
 - The Fox Chase train station is the station closest to Fox Chase Cancer Center. You can get to and from the city via 30th St Station, Jefferson Station, and Suburban Station. View the Fox Chase Regional Line here: [Fox Chase line](#).

Living in the City vs Suburbs Overview Chart

If you do not have a car, transportation options will differ if you live in the city vs the suburbs.

Overview Chart:

| Transportation Options | The City | The Suburbs |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Regional Rail | Yes (all transit lines) | Yes (always to the city but major transit line dependent on location) |
| Subway | Yes | No |
| Uber/Lyft | Yes | Yes |
| SEPTA Buses | Yes | Yes |
| Megabus | Yes | No |

All the Links:

SEPTA

- For locations to obtain a Key Card:
 - <https://www.septakey.org/info/buy-load-locator>

Regional Rail

- For information on the Fox Chase Regional Rail line:
 - <https://schedules.septa.org/current/FOX.pdf>
- 1-minute video on How To ride Regional Rail:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJ5iFoetE-Q>
- Written guide on How To ride Regional Rail:
 - <https://iseptaphilly.com/regionalrail>
- The Regional Rail Transit map:
 - <https://www.septa.org/wp-content/uploads/travel/line-map-rr-1.pdf>
- The Fox Chase line:
 - <https://schedules.septa.org/current/FOX.pdf>

Buses

- 1-minute video on How To ride SEPTA buses:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxegQPYK4Tw>
- Written guide on How To ride SEPTA buses:
 - <https://www.iseptaphilly.com/bus>
- View SEPTA bus schedules here:
 - <https://www.septa.org/schedules?mode=bus>

Subways

- 1-minute video on How To ride the Subway:
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFFoVNzYuKY&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fiseptaphilly.com%2F&source_ve_path=OTY3MTQ
- Written guide on How To ride the Subway:
 - <https://iseptaphilly.com/marketfrankford-broadstreetlines>
- Market-Frankford Line (MFL) Map:
 - <https://www.septa.org/wp-content/uploads/travel/line-map-mfl-1.pdf>
- Broad Street Line (BSL) Map:
 - <https://www.septa.org/wp-content/uploads/travel/line-map-bsl-1.pdf>

Trolleys

- 1-minute video on How To ride the Trolley
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDsP_UhmWsc
- Written guide on How To ride the Trolley:
 - <https://iseptaphilly.com/trolley>
- Trolley routes map:
 - <https://www.septa.org/wp-content/uploads/travel/line-map-trolley-1.pdf>

Transportation Websites

- SEPTA website: <https://www.septa.org/>
- Uber website: <https://www.uber.com/>
- Lyft website: <https://www.lyft.com/>
- Amtrak website: <https://www.amtrak.com/home.html?cmp=pdsrch-NAT+%7C+Philadelphia+%7C+Brand+%7C+Microsoft+%7C+Phrase-bing&gclid=06fee2c64cd51b26a257846c1c11b70d&gclsrc=3p.ds&msclkid=06fee2c64cd51b26a257846c1c11b70d>
 - Amtrak National Route Map: <https://www.amtrak.com/content/dam/projects/dotcom/english/public/documents/Maps/Amtrak-System-Map-020923.pdf>
- New Jersey transit website: <https://www.njtransit.com/>
- Megabus website: https://us.megabus.com/route-guides/philadelphia-to-new-york?msclkid=40c581b7614318d1f7c7e71d207e35ef&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=DA%20%7C%20Megabus%20US%20%7C%20BING%20%7C%20NB%20%7C%20Top%20Tier&utm_term=bus%20philly%20to%20nyc&utm_content=Philadelphia%20to%20New%20York
- Greyhound website: https://www.greyhound.com/bus-routes/philadelphia-pa-new-york-ny?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=sea-nonbrand&utm_campaign=F118AG5A.439051640_1156687308175890._kwd-72293667864625:loc-190_94888_62631_%7bextensionid%7d&utm_term=bus%20to%20nyc%20from%20philadelphia&utm_content=us-com.greyhound&msclkid=cfabc2a07c08160f5450a40a3d3543f1
- The PHL Philadelphia Airport Website: <https://www.phl.org/>
 - PHL Airport Transportation options: <https://www.phl.org/getting-around/public-transportation>

NYC Routes:

(JFK > New York Penn Station > 30th St Station > Fox Chase or Desired Destination)

- Getting from the JFK Airport to New York Penn Station (6 ways):
 - <https://www.rome2rio.com/map/New-York-JFK-Airport-JFK/New-York-Penn-Station>

(JFK > 5th Ave & W 34th St > Schuylkill Ave & Walnut St > 30th St Station > Fox Chase or Desired Destination)

- Getting from the JFK Airport to 5th Ave & W 34th SR
 - <https://www.rome2rio.com/s/New-York-JFK-Airport-JFK/5th-Ave-W-34th-St>
- Website to purchase megabus tickets:
 - <https://us.megabus.com/journey-planner/journeys?originId=123&destinationId=127&totalPassengers=1>