



King of Prussia Rail Benefits for Residents

- **Proximity to public transportation adds value to your home.**
 - A study performed by Econsult Solutions found that the property value premium generated by SEPTA Regional Rail stations in the region ranges from five to 10 percent for houses within three miles of a station.
 - The study showed that SEPTA Regional Rail service added approximately \$7,900 for each house close to a station in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties.
 - King of Prussia Rail provides service at an even greater frequency than regional rail, and residents could expect similar increases in home values.
- **King of Prussia Rail will increase commercial real estate values, leading to local tax revenue.**
 - Upper Merion Township currently has one of the lowest residential property tax rates in Montgomery County due to high-value commercial properties including the King of Prussia Mall, the business park, hotels and restaurants that pay a significant portion of local property taxes in the township.
 - The new rail service will support new, planned commercial development and redevelopment, increasing the commercial tax base, leading to local tax revenue.
- **King of Prussia Rail offers an alternative to the Schuylkill Expressway, as well as to congested local roads.**
- **King of Prussia Rail connects people to medical appointments, educational institutions, shopping, dining, entertainment and other activities in Philadelphia, eliminating not only traffic, but high parking costs.**
- **King of Prussia Rail supplements SEPTA's Regional Rail service, providing faster, more frequent service and access to destinations in University City, Penn's Landing, Old City and Independence Mall.**
 - Regional Rail runs every 30 minutes during peak hours and every hour or more off-peak. King of Prussia Rail will run every 10 minutes in peak hours and every 20 minutes off-peak. The Market Frankford Line runs every 4 minutes in peak time and every 10 minutes until about 9 PM.
 - Customers traveling from King of Prussia to Philadelphia will arrive at the Norristown High Speed Line platforms at the 69th Street Transportation Center, walk down the platform and approximately 100 feet to the station's main hallway where they will enter the Market-Frankford Line's fare gates. From there they simply take the stairs or elevator down to the Market-Frankford Line platforms to catch an eastbound train toward Center City Philadelphia and Frankford Transportation Center.
 - The Norristown High Speed Line has a 99% on time performance average.



- **King of Prussia Rail will significantly reduce the weekday commute to Center City.**
 - A trip time to Center City today is approximately 75 minutes, including a 15-minute wait time for the bus and 60 minutes on the bus. A trip time on KOP rail will be approximately 48 minutes, including a five-minute wait for the train, 25-minute trip to 69th Street, two-minute wait for the Market Frankford train and 16 minutes on the train. *(based on a 7:30 AM departure)*

- **King of Prussia is growing, and with that growth comes congestion. King of Prussia Rail will reduce traffic, meeting the needs of current development trends and prepare the community for future growth.**

- **King of Prussia Rail strategically directs existing and future growth.**
 - It accommodates King of Prussia’s current and future growth, allowing it to develop in a less auto-dependent way. This provides people with more options and paves the way for future land use to include less parking and more walkable developments. This, in turn, reduces the need for car trips, leading to reduced congestion.

- **King of Prussia Rail addresses the growing mobility needs of seniors, people with disabilities and millennials.**
 - The service will enable residents with limited mobility options and those who intend to reduce their dependence on cars to remain living in Upper Merion Township.
 - All stations will be fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) providing step-free access to trains making access possible for passengers in wheelchairs and creating a more convenient experience for passengers using walkers, pushing strollers, pulling luggage, walking their bikes, or who have difficulty climbing stairs.
 - The service provides greater transportation flexibility, allowing people to work in King of Prussia without owning a car or to live in King of Prussia in a single-car household.
 - Communities with public transportation are more attractive to home buyers – particularly millennials who want to drive less and are seek high-frequency transportation when making real estate decisions.

- **King of Prussia Rail brings environmental benefits.**
 - An annual reduction of up to 18M vehicle miles traveled is expected with the rail extension in place.
 - Transit has lower emissions:
 - One person with a 20-mile round trip commute who switches from driving to public transit can reduce his or her daily carbon emissions by 20 pounds, or more than 4,800 pounds in a year.
 - A single commuter switching his or her commute to public transportation can reduce a household’s carbon emissions by 10 percent and up to 30 percent if he or she eliminates a second car.



- **Research shows that there is no correlation between public transportation and issues of crime in a community.**
 - Research shows that the existing socio-demographic makeup of the neighborhood is what drives crime, not its proximity to public transportation.
 - Additionally, all SEPTA stations and Norristown High Speed Line vehicles are equipped with numerous cameras, which have proven to be a crime deterrent.
 - New stations built for the King of Prussia Rail project will also be designed to incorporate safety into their designs, including multiple cameras, better lighting, as well as ensuring good sight lines throughout the station area.
 - SEPTA Transit Police will periodically patrol stations and will be actively coordinating with local law enforcement to ensure station areas are safe.