

Streetcar Subcommittee Winter Business Meeting and Technical Tours

Philadelphia PA
December 17 & 18, 2010

The *APTA Streetcar Subcommittee* will hold its annual Winter Business Meeting in Philadelphia on Friday, December 17, 2010 starting at 9:30 a.m. The Subcommittee will take up old and new business and discuss ongoing efforts regarding standards development for vehicles, OCS, stations and track. The meeting is open to all APTA members with interest in the subject.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) has graciously offered to host and conduct technical tours in conjunction with this meeting. SEPTA operates the most extensive US street railway network with a combined fleet of modern LRVs and rebuilt vintage PCCs. Blending the boundary between streetcars and light rail transit, they run with equal aplomb in dense urban traffic, suburban private rights of way and beneath the city core.

SEPTA also operates an extensive fleet of "trackless trolleys" (electric buses) that share many technical and operational issues with streetcars. Across the river, New Jersey Transit operates a unique "diesel light rail" operation in mixed traffic through the streets of Camden.

Technical tours scheduled for the remainder of Friday, December 17, and on Saturday, December 18, will allow you to experience all of these systems as well as speak with the people directly responsible for their operations and maintenance.

A block of rooms is being arranged for overnight stays. Contact Subcommittee Vice-Chair Tom Hickey at HICKEY@PBWORLD.COM to reserve your spot at the meeting or for more details.

