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Auditor General DePasquale Calls on Philadelphia Parking Authority to Stop Plans for 50-cent Ridesharing Fee

Tells PPA to clean up its act before imposing a fee likely to hit communities of color hardest

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today issued the following statement regarding the plans by the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA) to impose a 50-cent fee on all rideshare trips:

“Before the PPA imposes new fees on the citizens of Philadelphia, it should provide a full and thorough accounting for where it stands on implementing the 117 recommendations for improvement made in my audits last December.

“While the PPA claims the fee will generate additional funds for the city and the School District of Philadelphia, the PPA needs to completely clean up its operations and rebuild some trust with residents before adding fees.

“I support the Philadelphia NAACP, Urban League of Philadelphia and the African-American Chamber of Commerce in raising concerns that the PPA’s proposed 50-cent per ride fee could have a huge impact on people in communities of color where ridesharing services have increased access to transportation.”

In December, DePasquale announced the results of two separate audits of the PPA that reveal a myriad of problems including identifying more than \$77.9 million in revenue the School District of Philadelphia potentially missed out on between 2012 and 2017.

Combined, the two audit reports contained 11 findings and a record-breaking 117 recommendations for PPA management, its board of directors, and the General Assembly to create an ethical and productive organizational culture and to improve PPA.

The two separate PPA audit reports are available online:

- [Employment Policies and Procedures](#)
- [Financial Objectives](#)

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