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### More Passenger Rail Service Needed

By KYW's Karen Adams

The Delaware Valley Association of Rail Passengers sponsored a holiday shopping excursion by train from 30th Street Station to Reading to demonstrate the need for a commuter rail service on that corridor.

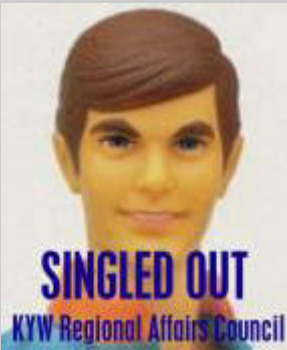
More than 350 people made the holiday shopping trip to VF Outlet Village in Reading from Philadelphia, with stops in Royersford and Pottstown. DVARP President Donald Nigro says the trip Saturday is more about proving there is a need for a commuter rail service than shopping.

"Our organization and VF Outlet Village look to make the point that people want this service NOW!! It is five years and one day since DVARP, our organization, ran its last excursion to Reading to help build support for good passenger rail service. It's also 2 and a half years since SEPTA selected the prohibitively expensive MetroRail as the preferred alternative for the Schuylkill Valley. Since then the project has gone NOWHERE!!!"

Nigro says a commuter rail service to Reading can be achieved at a modest cost with improvements to the existing tracks.

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