

### HOW REFERENDUM OF MAY 18, 2010 AFFECTS BRT OPERATIONS

On May 18, 2010, the voters approved a proposed change to the City Charter that effectively separated the Board of Revision of Taxes into two distinct entities. How will this change affect the taxpayers of Philadelphia?

The Board of Revision of Taxes is an independent Board that, prior to this change, performed two functions. The Assessment division was responsible for determining the value of all real property in the city, and the Board heard and ruled on all appeals.

The change to the City Charter created two separate entities and specifically assigned the above responsibilities accordingly. As of October 1, 2010, one entity-**The Office of Property Assessment** - will be responsible for the assessment function, and the other – **The Board of Revision of Taxes** - will hear appeals.

**All current operations including property assessment, abatement, exemption and appeal processing, and Board hearings will continue, and there will be no interruption of service at any time.**