

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS
AND COMMUTER RAIL AT THE WESTERLY TRAIN STATION

WHEREAS, the Town Council is aware that the Northeast Corridor Commission's FY25-29 Capital Investment Plan includes a project entitled "Westerly Station SOGR Platform Replacement;" and

WHEREAS, the project's purpose is to study the feasibility of installing high-level platforms at the Westerly Train Station; and

WHEREAS, high-level platforms will enhance existing Amtrak intercity rail service at Westerly Station by improving efficiency, safety, and accessibility for rail passengers and employees; and

WHEREAS, high-level platforms were identified in CTDOT's Eastern Connecticut Corridor Rail and Transit Feasibility Study (ECRTS) as a prerequisite for extending Shore Line East commuter rail service through Groton and Stonington to Westerly; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlestown's 2021 Comprehensive Plan recognizes that Westerly Station serves as one of two local railroad stations for Charlestown residents, the other being Kingston Station; and

WHEREAS, connecting workers to established and growing employment centers in the area via intercity and commuter rail is an important step to reducing roadway traffic congestion, decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, and providing affordable transportation options to residents; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Charlestown Town Council hereby supports the efforts of Amtrak, RIDOT, CTDOT, and the Town of Westerly to study and pursue any infrastructure improvements, including high-level platforms, at Westerly Station, which may be necessary to improve and increase local rail service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That directs copies of this resolution be transmitted to US Senator Jack Reed, US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, US Representative Seth Magaziner, RI State Senator Elaine Morgan, RI State Senator Victoria Gu, RI State Representative Tina Spears, RIDOT Director Peter Alviti, Amtrak Director of Network Development - East Joseph Barr, and Amtrak Director of Planning - Northeast Corridor Charles Planck.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown at a duly called meeting held on the 14th day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:


Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk

