

March 20, 2024

Doug Brockway
Chair- Westerly EDC
Westerly Town Hall
45 Broad Street
Westerly, Rhode Island 02891

Dear Mr. Brockway,

As President of Lawrence + Memorial Healthcare, which includes Westerly Hospital, I am writing to express my support for the efforts to complete modernization infrastructure improvements at the Westerly Train Station.

The completion of the 2023 Eastern CT Corridor Rail and Transit Feasibility Study (ECRTS) underscores the potential of extending the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Shore Line East commuter rail service to Westerly. The proposed infrastructure upgrades, such as high-level platforms, will enhance overall efficiency, safety, and accessibility for rail passengers.

Furthermore, alignment with the Town of Westerly's Comprehensive Community Plan and collaborating with relevant agencies, including RIDOT and AMTRAK, are essential steps in realizing the region's vision for enhanced transportation infrastructure. By connecting workers to employment centers, like Westerly Hospital, via rail service would not only address traffic congestion but also contribute to providing affordable transportation options for residents and local workers.

I firmly believe that these efforts will not only benefit employees and patients of Westerly Hospital but also our greater Westerly community economically by making our transportation system more accessible, efficient, and environmentally friendly.

Sincerely,



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