

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING TOWN COUNCIL
SUPPORT FOR 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

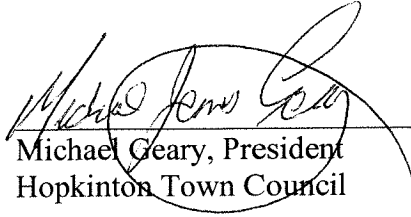
WHEREAS, the Town of Hopkinton's 2016 Comprehensive Plan recognizes that Westerly Station serves as the local railroad station for Hopkinton residents; and

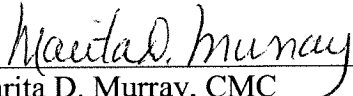
WHEREAS, connecting workers to established and growing employment centers in the area via intercity and commuter rail is an important step to reducing roadway traffic congestion, decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, and providing affordable transportation options to residents; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Hopkinton 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to US Senator Jack Reed, US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, US Representative Seth Magaziner, RI State Senator Elaine Morgan, RI State Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy, RI State Representative Megan L. Cotter, RIDOT Director Peter Alviti, Amtrak Director of Network Development—East Joseph Barr, and Amtrak Director of Planning—Northeast Corridor Charles Planck.

Passed as a Resolution of the Hopkinton Town Council this 3rd day of February, 2025.


Michael Geary, President
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: 
Marita D. Murray, CMC
Town Clerk

