

Westerly Station High-Level Platform Project



Westerly Station is one of the last remaining railroad stations on the Northeast Corridor with low-level platforms, which present accessibility challenges for riders and delay the boarding process. These factors impact the quality of rail service across the system.

With high-level platforms, Westerly Station will offer passengers of all abilities a safer and more efficient means of boarding their trains. If passing sidings are built, then this project will also increase the capacity of the Northeast Corridor to support more frequent rail service, which benefits Westerly as well as the entire region.

Project Benefits

- Reduces dwell times, which means faster boarding for rail passengers
- Improves accessibility and safety for rail passengers and employees
- Increases the Northeast Corridor's capacity to accommodate more frequent rail service
- Prerequisite for future commuter rail service extensions
- Brings much-needed investment into an Environmental Justice (EJ) and economically-disadvantaged census tract

Why Now?

- Eligible to receive federal funding by virtue of inclusion in Rhode Island's State Transportation Improvement Program
- Ample federal funding for rail projects from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will remain available through FY26
- Regional job growth, particularly driven by Electric Boat, creates an opportunity to divert new trips to passenger rail
- Passenger rail can help both Rhode Island & Connecticut meet their state-mandated carbon reduction goals

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