

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR
COMMUTER RAIL AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS
AT THE WESTERLY TRAIN STATION

WHEREAS, the Town Council is aware that CTDOT is completing the 2023 Eastern CT Corridor Rail and Transit Feasibility Study (ECRTS), which found that it is feasible to extend the Shore Line East commuter rail service to Westerly, given several necessary infrastructure upgrades are made at Westerly Station; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure upgrades, including high-level platforms, will improve efficiency, safety, and accessibility for rail passengers and employees; are a prerequisite for future commuter rail service; and will benefit existing AMTRAK intercity service at Westerly Station; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westerly's 2020-2040 Comprehensive Community Plan advises to "Collaborate with RIDOT, RIPTA, Amtrak, and other relevant agencies to augment the use and role of Westerly Station within Downtown and the surrounding region," among other rail-related Policies and Action Items; and

WHEREAS, connecting workers to established and growing employment centers in the area via rail service 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 Westerly Town Council hereby encourages and supports the efforts of AMTRAK and RIDOT to study and pursue necessary infrastructure improvements, including high-level platforms, at the Westerly Train Station.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk shall send copies of this adopted resolution to US Senator Jack Reed, US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, US Representative Seth Magaziner, RI State Senator Victoria Gu, RI State Representative Sam Azzinaro, RI State Representative Brian Kennedy, RI State Representative Tina Spears, RIDOT Director Peter Alviti, and Amtrak Executive Vice-President Strategy and Planning Dennis Newman.

ADOPTED: December 4, 2023

ATTEST:

Mary L. LeBlanc, MMC

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A true copy dated: April 28, 2026

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