



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

September 15, 2026

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AGENDA ITEM

26-154 - Resolution to Discuss Safety Improvements at the West Medford Train Station (to be referred to Public Health and Community Safety Committee)

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas the West Medford train station is recognized by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (the MBTA) as one of the most dangerous in the state, and;

Whereas the MBTA knew the dangers associated with the West Medford at-grade crossing since at least 2023; and

Whereas the MBTA had planned safety upgrades in the works since at least 2023; and

Whereas the MBTA made ADA accessibility upgrades to the West Medford train station recently, but did not make the safety upgrades that would have significantly increased safety to the at-grade crossing; and

Whereas John Westwater was injured by a train on July 20th and subsequently died from his injuries; and

Whereas it is the duty of government agencies such as the MBTA and local leaders to be proactive in protecting residents, especially vulnerable residents such as seniors, people with disabilities, and children from known safety hazards, now therefore:

Be it hereby resolved that the Medford City Council hold a meeting of the Public Health and Community Safety Committee to discuss the timeline of planned safety upgrades with the MBTA, also inviting our state delegation in order to have all interested and empowered parties in discussion publicly.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None