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## **Safety Blitz Aims to Increase Driver Awareness At Railroad Crossing in Chelsea**

*Safety information to be distributed in response to concerns of heavy traffic volume*

**(Boston, MA)** - The Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad will be participating in a "safety blitz" at a heavily trafficked railroad grade crossing in Chelsea on Wednesday, August 19 from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. The crossing, which is located on Everett Street in Chelsea, has seen an increase in the volume of cars queuing up on the tracks since a large supermarket in the area opened a full service driveway into its new location.

The MBCR is teaming up with the Federal Railroad Administration, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Safety, the Department of Public Utilities, and Massachusetts Operation Lifesaver to coordinate the effort. Representatives from the participating organizations will be on site Wednesday morning to hand out key chains and brochures describing key safety tips for crossing railroads safely to drivers.

The goal of the safety blitz will be to inform drivers of proper railroad crossing procedures. Dick Towle, local FRA Liaison to Law Enforcement, hopes the safety blitz will reduce the amount of cars stopping on the tracks and prevent any accidents in the future. "In addition to warning signs and channelization already in place to discourage drivers from cutting around the crossing, we hope to provide drivers with the knowledge they need to safely cross the tracks," Toll says.

Members from the supporting groups will return to the crossing after the Chelsea High School resumes classes. Towle says if the heavy volume of cars is still adversely impacting traffic at the railroad crossing, additional safety measures will be considered. The safety blitz will take place rain or shine.

### About MBCR

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