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MBCR Employees Honored For Heroics at Final MBTA Board Meeting

(Boston, MA) – The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority honored four commuter rail employees for their efforts in preventing a potential crash at its final board meeting last Thursday. The Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad employees were presented with certificates of commendation by Secretary of Transportation James Aloisi, Jr. and interim MBTA General Manager William Mitchell, Jr.

On the evening of September 14th, MBCR staff observed that inbound train number 526 and outbound train number 529 had been dispatched on the same track, facing each other. Dispatching Supervisor John O'Malley of Worcester and Chief Train Dispatcher Richard Murphy of Braintree immediately notified CSX of the error. At the same time, the MBCR engineers of both trains, Hensley Jean of Randolph and Brandon Quaranto of Carver, realized a train was in their path and immediately came to a stop, averting a collision. There were no passenger injuries or equipment damage.

"The rapid action of the two dispatching staff and the situational awareness of both engineers prevented what could have been a catastrophic event," said Secretary Aloisi. The MBCR workers were humbled when they were met with applause from the board members and meeting attendees. O'Malley has worked with the railroad since 1998, Murphy since 1988, Jean since 2006 and Quaranto since 2005.

About MBCR

The Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company, LLC (MBCR) is a partnership of Veolia Transportation, one of Europe's largest passenger transportation companies; Bombardier Transportation, the world's leader in the manufacture and maintenance of passenger rail vehicles; and Alternate Concepts, a Boston-based transportation operations and consulting firm with expertise in the design, operation and maintenance of rail transit systems. MBCR operates and maintains the fifth largest commuter rail network in the United States under a contract with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation

Authority. MBCR provides service to 40 million passengers a year in nearly 80 cities and towns in Massachusetts, as well as Providence, RI.

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