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## **WATERBURY LEGISLATORS ANNOUNCE FUNDS FOR RAIL SAFETY**

**State Rep. Jeff Berger (D-Waterbury)** and **Senator Joan Hartley (D-Waterbury, Middlebury, Naugatuck)** are pleased to announce that funding has been approved for train safety control systems in Waterbury.

“Safety on our rail lines is paramount for commuter confidence and a functional transit system,” **Rep. Berger** said. “These funds will go a long way to give Waterbury state-of-the-art automated speed control to keep trains on the track if, for a number of possible reasons, they are going too fast for the configuration of the rails.”

“The Waterbury Branch Line has exponentially increased ridership and today’s bond allocation is pivotal in continuing to grow the Waterbury Branch Line ridership and to enhance the line’s performance and safety. I applaud the Governor’s mission to improve rail lines and in particularly branch service which has too often been overlooked,” **Senator Joan Hartley** said.

\$10 million was approved to finance cab signal and automatic train control systems on the Waterbury Branch Line under the [Let’s Go! CT](#) program.

“This project will also allow for the creation of a 'Spur Line' on the Waterbury Line which will enable trains to operate in two directions as opposed to the single track system in place now,” **Rep. Berger** added.

The funding was approved today by the State Bond Commission.

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