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## **MBTA and MBCR Continue Crackdown on Fare Evaders** *Latest effort uses technology to target counterfeit tickets and passes*

**(Boston, MA)** – As part of an ongoing effort to protect revenue, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) and the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company (MBCR) will increase random checks of all tickets during the month of August. The highlight of this program is a new inspection system using technology that allows commuter rail examiners to immediately identify counterfeit tickets and passes.

“The message behind this new program is clear: those who counterfeit rail passes and Charlie tickets will be held accountable,” said Richard A. Davey, MBCR’s General Manager. “The MBTA and commuter rail staff work diligently each day to ensure full collection of fares from every customer. This program will improve our efforts while cracking down on those who try to beat the system.”

Because the random checks will require customers to remove their tickets and passes from any protective cases and hand the papers to an inspector for physical inspection. MBCR thanks all customers for their patience and cooperation with this important initiative.

### 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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