



**Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority**

Report from the General Manager

Fiscal and Management Control Board

September 21, 2020

Ride Safer



Ride Safer.

How to wear a face covering:

DON'T: Push your mask under your chin

DON'T: Wear the mask below your nose

DON'T: Wear your mask loosely with gaps

DO: Cover your mouth and nose fully making sure there are no gaps

Ride like Charlie!

mbta.com/ridesafer



- The MBTA is expanding our Ride Safer efforts to include more stations and visible signage.
- With the influx of students in the city and other riders slowly returning, we're working to grow the campaign to ensure everyone understands how to ride the T more safely during the pandemic.



Rail Safety Week/Operation Lifesaver

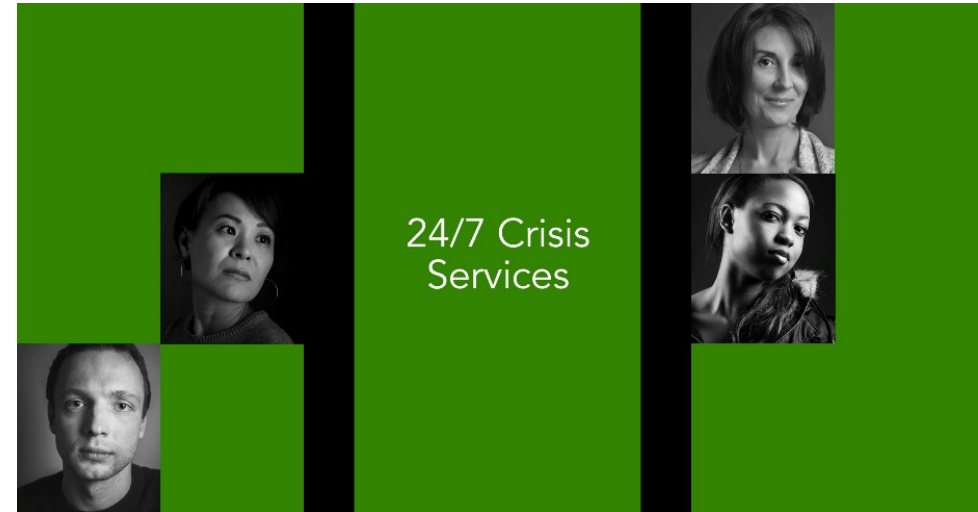


- Fourth annual Rail Safety Week is September 21 – September 27
- MBTA, Keolis, Transit Police, and others are participating in a series of educational initiatives in support of this safety campaign
- The goal of Operation Lifesaver is to raise awareness among the general public and ensure a clear understanding of the dangers to be aware of near tracks, trains, and rail property



For over 20 years Samaritans has been there for those in need in Massachusetts. Now they need our help.

- The MBTA partners annually with Samaritans to increase awareness about suicide prevention.
- September is national suicide prevention month. This year's prevention campaign is running now in stations on digital screens, and it can be seen on station signage and social media.
- On September 10th, Government Center will glow green in support of Samaritans and the Virtual 5K Run/Walk for Suicide Prevention on September 26th.
- **Samaritans needs volunteers to help answer calls and texts on the statewide help line (877) 870-HOPE (4673). Every volunteer provides assistance to over 200 people in need. To learn more, go to www.samaritanshope.org or call 617-536-1340.**



Samaritans Suicide Prevention Awareness Week



24/7 Crisis Services

Grief Support

Community Education

Supporting Suicide Prevention & Awareness



Supporting the Samaritans 5K with In-Station Digital Displays



Suicide Awareness Prevention Day Green Light Event
September 10th



APTA Public Transit Emergency Response Legislation Press Conference

- On Tuesday, I joined other transit leaders from around the country for an APTA-sponsored Virtual Press Conference to **urge Congress to approve emergency assistance for financially struggling public systems.**
- The pandemic has resulted in unprecedented reductions in ridership and fare revenues at the MBTA and other transit systems.
- Without operating revenue relief from the federal government, we will likely be forced to make some really tough decisions about service.
- APTA is urging Congress to provide **at least \$32 billion of additional emergency public transit funding** in any COVID-19 emergency response legislation.

