



TOWN OF CONCORD

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MEMORANDUM

To: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee
From: Marcia Rasmussen, Director DPLM
Re: **Update of Phases 2A, 2B and 2C**
Date: August 2, 2017

1. **Phase 2A Update:** No update since the last Advisory Committee meeting. The MassDOT Project information site (<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/highway/ProjectInfo.aspx>) indicates that construction of Phase 2A is still at 62% complete. Anticipated construction completion is spring 2018.
2. **Phase 2B Update:** A “kick-off” meeting was held on July 26th with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., representatives from MassDOT District #4 and Project Manager, and Municipalities (Concord and Acton). MassDOT Project Manager Sreelatha Allam alerted GPI that additional audit information needed to be submitted to MassDOT prior to issuance of a formal ‘notice to proceed’ (however, GPI is able to begin evaluating the 25% design package based on the contract with Concord). Once that additional information has been submitted, MassDOT will prepare an agreement with the Town of Concord. Additionally, the Inter-municipal Agreement with Acton will need to be amended to include the value of that portion of the project within Acton.

Items discussed included: GPI request to MassDOT for remaining 25% design submission information; consideration of possible alternatives to the information submitted for the bridge designs (to be summarized in a technical memo by GPI); construction staging and temporary traffic control for the installation of the wildlife culvert; State Police horse barn encroachment into the rail road right-of-way; style of fence near horse barn and paddock; potential pedestrian/cyclist connection to existing trails and playing fields (not part of the contract, but concept should not be precluded); removal of the leaching basins in Acton. A Public Information meeting is planned for some time after the 75% comments and before the 100% design submittal (tentatively January/February 2019). The current Advertisement Date goal is June 8, 2019 or earlier.
3. **Phase 2C Updates:**
 - a. The ‘ground-breaking’ event scheduled for Friday, July 14th at 1:00 p.m. in West Concord in the vicinity of the Nashoba Brook bridge was well attended.
 - b. The project is just over 17% complete. Tracks have been removed and disposed of between stations 47+40 to 163+80.
 - c. Powder Mill Road culvert work is progressing; concrete is being poured and is expected to be completed by August 8th, water main and utilities will be reconnected the week of August 8th.

Completion expected by the end of August (schools are scheduled to re-open on Wednesday, August 30th); the pavement will be through binder only to allow settling over the winter.

- d. Contractor D. W. White anticipates the Assabet River Bridge steel will be delivered in September; and will coordinate with the Concord Police on the best time to orchestrate delivery and installation at the Main Street/Commonwealth Ave. intersection.
 - e. **Right-of-way (ROW) Process** – Update on ROW-related items that required follow up from this past summer:
 - (1) The ANR plan required to transfer former MassDOC land to the Town of Concord has been endorsed. The closing with DCAMM has not yet been scheduled.
 - (2) Town Meeting approved the easement of town land to the MBTA near the West Concord Depot. Issues of MBTA access over MassDOT land are being reviewed now. We are waiting for the MBTA to approve the final easement language before the document can be signed and recorded.
4. **Phase 2D Sudbury:** No update available from Sudbury since last memo. The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) voted to include the BFRT Phase 2D (Sudbury section) on the final Boston Region Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) in 2022 for \$8,004,000.

[Additional note: the Bedford Minuteman Bikeway Extension (from Loomis Street to the Concord Town Line) is also included in the FFY2018-22 TIP for 2022 with \$7,862,878 in construction funding.]