



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, 2C and 2D**
Date: August 2, 2018

1. **Phase 2A Update:** This phase of the trail construction has been completed and is open for all to enjoy!
2. **Phase 2B Update:** GPI submitted plans at the end of June; they have been posted on the BFRT Advisory Committee's website at <http://concordma.gov/980/Bruce-Freeman-Rail-Trail-Committee>. The Phase 2B 75% design is listed on the left side of the page.
3. **Phase 2C Updates:**
 - a) Attached for your information and use is a Q&A memo I prepared following a meeting with Barbara Pike in July, which responds to questions and concerns that she raised at prior meetings.
 - b) I met with Concord-On-Tap proponents Janet Rothrock and Barbara Nicolson on July 12th to discuss locations for new Concord-On-Tap signs. We walked along the trail in West Concord and felt the following three locations would be useful for cyclists and pedestrians using the trail:
 - The first is at the intersection of Main St. and Commonwealth Ave. – a C-O-T sign will be installed, either on the upright kiosk or on a stand-alone post next to the bike racks that are located at the edge of the rail trail.
 - The second will be adjacent to the rail trail and new parking spaces adjacent to the commuter rail parking lot. The C-O-T sign will be on a stand-alone post in the landscape island adjacent to the bicycle parking area to be reclaimed from 2 automobile parking spaces.
 - The third will be at the end of the BFRT parking area closest to the Nashoba Brook bridge. The C-O-T sign will be on a stand-alone post; final location to be determined upon review of activity in the area.

A fourth location identified is the Commonwealth Ave. parking area located opposite MCI Concord. I'll review the plans at this location to determine possible locations for a stand-alone post. Attached is the detail of the Thoreau Street sign post from CPW-Engineering; this sign post was installed on Thoreau Street near the water fill station. **I would like to review these locations and the sign post with the BFRT Advisory Committee on Thursday for a vote to accept and recommend installation of the four signs to the Town Manager and Select Board.**

c) Contractor D.W. White will continue work at the Main Street/Commonwealth Ave. intersection during August, in addition to other locations along the trail (Powder Mill Road and Nashoba Brook bridge deck) – anticipated completion of paving in these locations by September 1. A sleeve was

installed by the Contractor across Main Street (while the street was open) for a future water line to be located on the south side of Main Street (near the kiosk and bicycle parking area), but CPW Water & Sewer needs to confirm that there is adequate space for the water meter pit.

d) The Contractor is reaching out to Woods Hill Table restaurant staff to coordinate construction preparations in advance of installing the path behind Woods Hill Table. The Town will be allowing ten spaces on the town-owned portion of the commuter lot to be used by WHT staff (as agreed during discussions about the special permit for the restaurant

e) MassDOT project engineers will be following up with Keolis Commuter Services (under contract to the MBTA) regarding installation of the crossing gates and paving the path over the rails.

f) The change order requesting additional landscaping at the Main St./Commonwealth Ave. intersection (both sides of Main Street at the Junction Park extension and area opposite Junction Park plus an area near the Assabet River bridge behind 72 Cottage St.) has been submitted (July 25th) and is being reviewed by District #4. I hope to hear the status of the change order at the next construction meeting on August 9th. I also shared contact information with property owner at 72 Cottage St. so she could coordinate access to the trail for her contractor to install additional landscaping on her property.

MassDOT and Town of Concord staff continues to remind residents and visitors that the trail continues to be a construction zone in 2018; neither residents nor visitors should be walking on or using the trail, especially during the week when construction activity is underway.

4. **Phase 2D Sudbury:** Sudbury resident/Selectman Len Simon provided the following update to Friends member Barbara Pike - At long last the contract to complete the 25% design has been awarded to Jacobs, where former GPI Project Manager Becky Williamson is now working.