

JL - 25% Comments on Phase 2B

No.	Sheet	Comments, Questions & Observations regarding 25% design	GPI Initial Response
1	13	Question: Why did they move off of the track centerline at station 21 rather than at station	The alignment has been shifted near station 14+50. Please see 75% Design plans.
2	14	Question: Does this design still allow for a future path to the School St fields in Acton?	The proposed wall has an opening with a slope so that a future path may be graded in this
3	14	For the entire plan set, add the historic artifact table information from the PAL report & GPI survey to the drawings. Some artifacts are indicated on the plans, but they should be numbered to be consistent with the Phase 2C numbering.	This information will be added to the plans.
4	15	Question: Have the historic bridge abutments been retained? Is it possible to have a path to view the old abutments? Does the Town want an interpretive sign here?	The abutments will be retained. The Right-of-Way and grading does not allow for a path to this area. A sign has been proposed at the end of the retaining wall in the rest area.
5	18	Add rest area and interpretive sign at the cemetery.	Agreed, please see 75% Design plans.
6	18	Somewhere in this location are the turtles that Jimi Two-Feathers has been concerned about. Can the centerline of the trail be shifted to the north within the ROW to avoid the turtle habitat?	Please provide more information on this habitat. The grading in this area is already very close to the layout line and shifting further north may require an easement from the Department of Corrections. This is also the area of the cemetery and we don't want to be
7	19,20	Change the plans to be consistent with Phase 2C	Please elaborate or see 75% Design plans.
8	13-20	The trail width in Concord is 10' with 2' shoulders. This should be taken into account for the bridge also.	The trail in Acton is 12' wide. Phase 2B has followed this design based on preferred design standards and the openness of the surrounding area. The path narrows to 10' as it meet
9	28	Concerned about tree root damage and debris such as oak leaves, etc., falling on trail surface.	A professional Resident Landscape Architect has prepared the landscape plans to best accommodate the plantings.
10	30	Does this landscape plan preclude a future path to the School St fields in Acton?	No, please see the 75% Design Plans
11	34	We may want to add landscaping at the rest area near the cemetery.	The rest area is in a wooded location that is heavily vegetated. The intent will be to leave as much existing vegetation as possible, but we will re-evaluate to see if any additional plantings should be added in this location.
12	35, 36	Use the same landscape plan as Phase 2C	The plans for Phase 2C will be checked to be sure similar plants are proposed. The details are MassDOT Standards which have been revised since Phase 2C was designed.
13	3	of Bridge Sheets Nashoba Brook - What does a standard MassDOT Type II Rail look like?	The Type II rail is no longer proposed. Please see 75% Design plans.
14	3	This sheet also seems to show the existing abutments being retained. Is that correct?	The design has changed slightly, but yes, the intent is to retain the existing abutments and build behind them.
15	3	of Bridge Sheets Route 2 crossing - We would like the bridge to resemble the bridge on the Eastern Trail in Maine, that crosses Interstate 95 in Maine. See Figures below and article at: http://www.pressherald.com/2011/08/07/blazing-a-trail_2011-08-07/	The bridge over Route 2A in Acton on Phase 2A was based off of this design as will this bridge over Route 2. The retaining walls approaching the bridge will use a form liner similar to the walls on the Phase 2A bridge and in Crosby's Corner.
16	3	Is our bridge still required to support an H10 load?	Yes.
17		Concerns about location of pines trees to stone dust border and trail. 2C plantings were	This will be reviewed.
18		Can oak trees be planted further back to avoid acorn dump in fall endangering cyclists?	This will be reviewed.
19		There are minimal plantings on Dept. of Corrections property using the agricultural fields as a border. Can plantings be done to provide more shade for those using trail?	This will be reviewed.
20		How might connections be in the future to existing trail network for Wright Road and School Street fields in Acton?	The proposed wall has an opening with a slope so that a future path may be graded in this location.
		Details of Eastern Trail bridge. 247' span, \$1.1M dollars to construct in 2011. Contact Info: Scott Warhol, Maine Turnpike Authority, swarchol@maineturnpike.com , 207-871-7771 Bridge design firm: HNTB, Tim Cote, tcote@hntb.com 207-774-5155	
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