

ARTICLE 1 LAND ACQUISITION – 55 AND 55R KNOX TRAIL (Acton)

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Note to Moderator: 2/3 vote required.

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This article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase approximately 6.5 acres of land on Knox Trail in Acton. ***If approved, the School Committee proposes to park school buses and other school vehicles on a portion of the property to support in-district School Department bus operations.***

The remainder of the property will be reserved for municipal purposes. The subject property abuts 80 acres of land in Concord owned by the WR Grace Corporation, which Town Meeting voted under Article 36 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting to authorize the Town to acquire. ***Acquisition of the Knox Trail parcels may provide additional access to the Grace property and help facilitate that acquisition.***

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Funding Source:

Use CPS portion of existing Town Manager's Capital funds:

- to acquire local land
- to lower annual student transportation operating costs

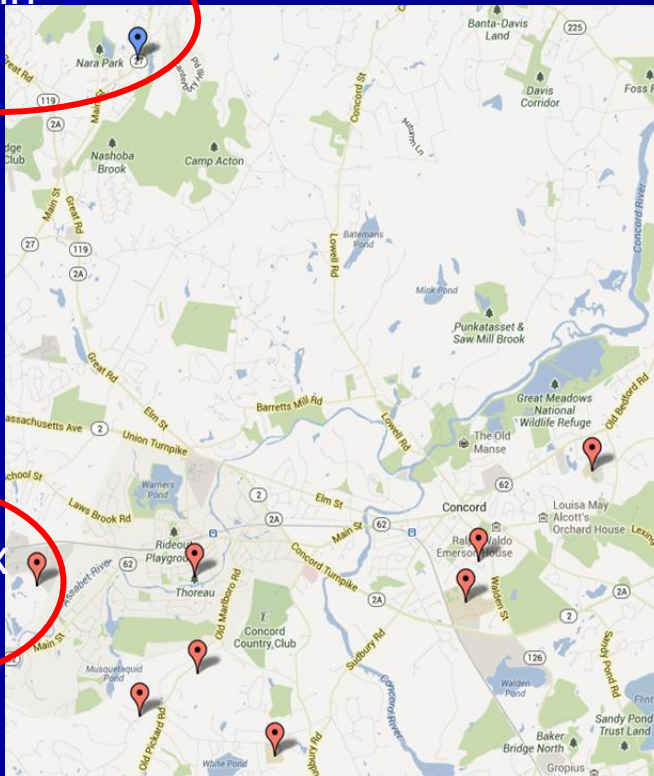
Benefits: Operating In-District Buses from Knox Trail will:

- provide an opportunity to keep transportation services owned and operated by the district.
- decrease annual fleet mileage and diesel fuel consumption and labor costs
- decrease facility leasing costs

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Benefits: Location is advantageous

848 Main
St



55 Knox
Trail

| | Knox Trail | 848 Main St | Delta |
|---------|------------|-------------|-------|
| Alcott | 5.5 | 7.2 | -1.7 |
| Thoreau | 2.3 | 5.6 | -3.3 |
| Sanborn | 3.4 | 7.0 | -3.6 |
| Peabody | 3.4 | 7.0 | -3.6 |
| Willard | 4.7 | 7.8 | -3.1 |
| CCHS | 6.0 | 8.0 | -2.0 |
| Ripley | 7.1 | 8.8 | -1.7 |

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Why Knox Trail?

- Provides permanent base for in-district student transportation operation
- Avoids impact on residential neighborhoods
- Shares acquisition costs with the Town
- Allows for negotiations of a multi-year labor contract with the Bus Driver's Association
- Maintains momentum on School-Town collaboration
 - Green Communities Grant - Fuel Efficient Vehicles Policy
 - Town Consolidation Study – Fueling & Maintenance Options
 - Provides direct access to W.R. Grace site

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NEXT STEPS IF PURCHASE IS APPROVED BY TOWN

- Immediately prepare site to park buses
- Immediately enter into negotiations with bus driver's association for a multi-year contract
- Assess future options for maintenance and fueling in coordination with the Town

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