



# Town of Concord

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Concord, Massachusetts 01742-0535

## 2008 Annual Town Meeting April 28, 29 and 30

### BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL

**ARTICLE 27.** Upon a motion made by Virginia McIntyre that was duly seconded, and amended by Hugh Lauer and duly seconded (the amendment passed on a show of hands), the following was

**VOTED (with 501 voting in favor and 247 opposed):** To authorize the Selectmen to submit the schematic design of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail set forth in the 25% Design Report dated March 5, 2008 and accompanying plans dated March 5, 2008, to the Massachusetts Highway Department for approval, after which, only Significant Changes will require further approval of Town Meeting. The 25% design must be amended prior to submission to include a specification of a suitable underpass to replace the existing culvert under Powder Mill Road, with the replacement underpass having a horizontal clearance at least as wide as the full width of the trail surface plus the width of the trail shoulders and a vertical clearance of at least ten feet and conforming to all applicable standards without waivers. Significant Changes are defined as:

1. change in the route
2. additional parking, rest stops or restroom locations
3. increase in trail width
4. change to the proposed surface of the trail
5. reduction in the horizontal or vertical clearance of the Powder Mill underpass or a request for a waiver from the applicable standards for the underpass

The Selectmen will determine if a revision to the schematic design is a significant change.

Counted Majority Vote  
(501 voting in favor and 247 opposed)  
April 29, 2008

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### BETTER BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL IN CONCORD (by petition)

**ARTICLE 28.** The following motion was made by Dick Waters and duly seconded, and amended by Hugh Lauer and duly seconded (the amendment passed on a show of hands):

That the Town vote to

- (1) authorize the Selectmen to submit a 25% design for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) that is based on the design commissioned by the Concord Greenways Alliance (CGA) to State agencies for approval;
- (2) the 25% design must be amended prior to submission to include a specification of a suitable underpass to replace the existing culvert under Powder Mill Road, with the replacement underpass having a horizontal clearance at least as wide as the full width of the trail surface plus the width of the trail shoulders and a vertical clearance of at least ten feet and conforming to all applicable standards without waivers;
- (3) authorize the town to accept a sum of \$10,000 from CGA to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager to cover costs of the changes needed in the 25% design created by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. in order to create a 25% design consistent with CGA's design; and
- (4) require that any Significant Changes (but only Significant Changes) from CGA's design be approved by a vote at Town Meeting before a revised design for the BFRT incorporating them can be submitted to any State agency or used as the basis for building the BFRT in Concord; Significant Changes being defined as:
  - Increase in the width within which construction is allowed;
  - Change in the trail route, access points, or surface;
  - Increase in trail width;
  - Additional bridge, tunnel, ramp or underpass construction;
  - Additional parking, rest stops or restrooms; or
  - Reduction in the horizontal or vertical clearance of the Powder Mill underpass or a request for a waiver from an applicable standard for the underpass.

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Better Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in Concord

Failed to Pass—Standing Counted Vote  
(229 voting in favor and 504 opposed)  
April 29, 2008

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### ACCESS FOR ALL FOR THE BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL (by petition)

**ARTICLE 29.** Upon a motion made by Judith LaRocca that was duly seconded, the following was

**VOTED (with 360 voting in favor and 257 opposed):** To authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit to the Massachusetts Highway Department, a schematic design (so-called "25% design") which specifies an asphalt paved center trail surface, and wherever possible, soft-surface shoulders, for the entire length of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in Concord from Route 2 to the Sudbury town line, and that provides access to all Concord citizens and fully and easily supports all of the following uses: walking, running, road and mountain biking, wheelchairs and accessible cycling equipment, in-line skating, scooters and tricycles, rolling backpacks, strollers, and cross-country skiing, by:

amending page 10 of the VHB Design Report by replacing the first paragraph with the following:

A paved trail surface with soft-surface shoulders wherever possible is proposed for the entire length of the trail.

And deleting the second sentence in the second paragraph.

The amended text shall read as follows:

A paved trail surface with soft-surface shoulders wherever possible is proposed for the entire length of the trail. The paved trail is proposed as a 4-inch thick Hot Mix Asphalt (2-inch modified top course over 2-inch binder course) over an 8-inch gravel base as recommended by the Mass Highway Guide for shared-use paths.

Counted Majority Vote  
(360 voting in favor and 257 opposed)  
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### FUNDING FOR CONTINUING WORK ON THE BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL

(submitted by petition, but motion made by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 30.** Upon a motion made by Virginia McIntyre that was duly seconded, the following was

**VOTED:** To appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from free cash to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager, for further study and design of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in Concord, including but not limited to: refinement of the design of the MBTA crossing, street crossings and access ramps, including engineering, surveys, and negotiations with interested governmental agencies; preparation of environmental permits, including additional environmental studies; and revisions to the 25% design required by vote of Town Meeting.

Above Passed by Overwhelming Majority Vote (see note below about amendment which failed to pass)  
April 29, 2008

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(Note: Motion to amend to investigate design modifications that reduce the construction footprint failed to pass by a show of hands.)