



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, the last ½ mile of 2C, and 2D, plus**
Date: January 6, 2022

1. **Phase 2A Update:** This phase of the trail has been completed and is open for all to enjoy!
2. **Phase 2B Update:** The project will be shut down for the winter. The design consultant GPI is reaching out to Town staff to resolve the bio-retention basin issue over the winter so work can proceed in the spring. Spring start-up is weather/temperature dependent.
3. **Phase 2C Updates:** The Advisory Committee will discuss the next steps/planning to address concerns regarding Junction Park.
4. **The last ½ mile of Phase 2C:** MassDOT Project Manager Eamon Kernan provided the MDOT position on the proposed 2-rail fence along the westerly side of the trail (Stone Root Lane abutters) and the decorative metal fence along the easterly side of the trail near White Pond in a letter dated December 8, 2021 and received by the Town on December 20th.

Based on the information contained in the letter from MDOT, the application to the Community Preservation Committee has been further revised to reduce the requested amount from \$300,000 to \$30,000. These funds will be directed to design and installation of additional planting/landscaping, signage, benches, and other trail amenities.

5. **Phase 2D Sudbury:** The Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs issued the MEPA Certificate and determined the ENF has adequately described and analyzed the project and its alternatives and assessed its potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures. Based on review of the ENF and comments received on it, and in consultation with State Agencies, it was determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is not required.
6. **Community Connections Grant follow up:** CPW Highway and Grounds staff were unable to complete installation of the bicycle shelters and racks by the December 31, 2021 deadline. While the equipment was delivered on October 4th, the Concord Public Works crew who had agreed to install the equipment was delayed in this work due to their role in supporting scheduled events and responding to inclement weather conditions. Additionally, when finally available to install the equipment at the beginning of December, delays with obtaining required permits and working from information provided by the vendor for another installation led to preparing the site with pad and foundations in the wrong location.

This error was not realized until a stamped plan for Concord's equipment was received on Monday, December 27th. I was able to prepare an extension of time request to May 31, 2022, which has been approved.

- 7. Concord Prison Cemetery:** GPI has provided an estimate for the survey and design work to install an ADA-accessible path from the BFRT to a point at the base of the prison cemetery with a small area for a bench and interpretive panel.