

From: dorrie kehoe
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 at 8:05 AM
To: Nathaniel Welch, Richard Fahlander, BFRT CoChair
Subject: FW: Safety at Junction Park

Nat and Richard,

This relates to the suggestion which Phil Posner, an avid biker, has made MANY times and that is to create a physical barrier so the cyclists will HAVE to get off their bikes. Barriers such as Phil suggests are, according to members of the Monsters in the Basement cycling groups OFTEN used for this purpose, especially in California.

Dorrie

From: Philip Posner
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 1:36 PM
To: Dorrie Kehoe
Subject: Re: Safety at Junction Park

Dorrie: I am inspired by your tenaciousness!

Perhaps you can convince the CPW to introduce any two of the many large (easily observed by people) objects into the park. Attached is yet another version of my 'quick fix'. You could install two or more large planters like this one: <https://www.homedepot.com/p/Bosmere-English-Garden-70-in-W-x-15-in-D-x-15-in-H-Over-Sized-Rectangular-Wood-Planter-A059/206134080> diagonally across the path.

Hope you are well.

Best, Phil Posner

On Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 9:03 AM Dorrie Kehoe wrote:

Good morning, Friends,

As many of you are aware, big changes will be coming to Junction Park in West Concord. When the Route 2 Bike Bridge is completed in mid summer it will bring many new cyclists from as far away as Lowell to the Park on their way south to Sudbury and, in future, beyond. We welcome these new visitors to Concord, but, at the same time want to maintain the safety of all users of the Park.

This coming Wednesday, February 16, the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee will hold a virtual Public Forum from 4PM to 6PM to discuss this issue and solicit ideas.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84363845492?pwd=WHoySU4xZnpYUkpwcU4vdHNJN1ladz09> Meeting ID: 843 6384 5492 Passcode: 861827 888 475 4499 US Toll-free

I hope that you will plan to attend the forum and, if you do, that you will consider succinctly offering or seconding the following main points/suggestions:

*The safety of Junction Park FOR ALL must be preserved.

*Many of the users of JP are elderly or very young and "mobility challenged"—and they must be safe.

*When the Bike Bridge opens, there must be something in place at Junction Park so that cyclists physically CANNOT ride through the Park. Signs are lovely, but those of us members of the West Concord Green Thumbs who do maintenance at the Park can attest to the fact that they do not work.

*Town Staff who are professionals in land use and design and safety need to be included in this process without delay.

*In researching final solutions for safety at Junction Park, nothing should be off the table. Making arrangements for use of even a few feet of the Parking area adjoining Junction Park should be considered.

If you want to make any or all of these points and do not get an opportunity to speak at the Forum, please ask how you can contact the Committee afterwards. Numbers count, and so I truly hope that you will find a way to make sure that the Committee is aware of specific concerns. Please contact me for any further info. Junction Park is so special to so many, and it must continue to be a safe place for users of all ages and mobility.

Many thanks,

Dorrie