



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 and 2C**
Date: January 6, 2017

- Phase 2A Update:** The Town of Acton has posted a blog about construction activity along Phase 2A at <http://www.acton-ma.gov/Blog.aspx?CID=10>. There has been no update posted since April 27, 2016, but construction activity can be viewed by driving on Route 27 and 119 in Acton. The MassDOT project information page indicates that construction of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (Phase IIA) including 6 bridge replacements and new bridge construction Br. No. A-02-014 (Steel) over Route 2A/119 (Great Road) is now 54% complete.
- Phase 2B Update:** The letter signed by Concord and Acton Select Board members and directed to MassDOT Highway Administrator Tom Tinlin was mailed, with copies sent to both Town's legislative delegation. Senator Jamie Eldridge prepared a letter of support for the additional design funds (dated December 21, 2016) which was co-signed by Senator Mike Barrett and Representatives Cory Atkins and Jennifer Benson. We are seeking an additional \$350,000 of design funds to complete the Phase 2B design.

I have begun work on the Request for Proposals for the Phase 2B 75% to 100% design/engineering work and expect to have the RFP completed by the end of January.

3. Phase 2C Updates:

- The Construction bid package for the BFRT Phase 2C project was advertised; bids were opened on Tuesday, November 29th. The low bidder was D.W. White at \$6,709,393.74 which was about 5% below the office estimate. The MassDOT Highway Construction Division has determined to award the project to D.W. White and has begun contract negotiations.
- Right-of-way (ROW) Process** – Update on ROW-related items that required follow up from this past summer:
 - The Special Town Meeting in December voted to authorize the Select Board to grant an additional easement over town-owned land off Powder Mill Road for a guard rail (GR-1) and clearing & grubbing/loam & seed (TE-2). The documentation has been signed and filed with the Middlesex South Registry.
 - The State Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance has completed its canvas of other State agencies and has declared the land surplus. I submitted the draft ANR plan to

Warren Madden at DCAMM for his review and comment (revisions will likely be required). Mr. Madden will also solicit quotes from three appraisers for an opinion of value document. The Town is responsible for costs associated with both the plan and the appraisal

- (3) The final easement agreement for the trail over MBTA land in West Concord resulted in the loss of six parking spaces adjacent to the West Concord Depot. The next step is preparation of a memorandum of agreement with the MBTA to confirm use of 6 parking spaces on town-owned land in the West Concord Commuter Parking Lot by the tenant of the West Concord Depot. There is an article on the 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to authorize the lease/license of six parking spaces on Town land for exclusive use by the MBTA tenant in the West Concord Depot.

4. **Phase 2D Sudbury:** No additional or new information was available on the Town of Sudbury website. A public meeting had been scheduled for November 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sudbury Town Hall.