



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 and 2D**
Date: February 7, 2019

1. **Phase 2A Update:** This phase of the trail construction has been completed and is open for all to enjoy!
2. **Phase 2B Update:** Design Consultant/GPI Project Manager Matt Kearney reports that the 100% design plans were submitted to MassDOT on Wednesday, February 6th. I received access to the plans as well; these should be posted to the BFRT Advisory Committee's web page early next week (February 11-13).

The Towns of Acton and Concord have been asked by MassDOT landscape sections to provide a letter to MassDOT affirming trail maintenance responsibilities once it is turned over to each community. I am working with the Town Manager and Concord Public Works Director to prepare that letter of affirmation

3. **Phase 2C Updates:**

a) Keolis Commuter Services (under contract to the MBTA) are responsible for the installation of crossing gates and paving the path over the rails. Some work has been done (work is being done on weekends), but the crossing has not yet been completed.

b) The Construction Update meeting scheduled for January 17th was not held; the Town will not be responsible for maintenance of the trail after this winter's season.

c) The Green Thumbs and the Garden Club have had preliminary discussions about the landscaping to be installed at Junction Park and the south side of Main Street; they are following up with Concord Public Works to be sure water service is installed to easily water the plantings. The Green Thumbs are also interested in planting the strip of land between the Commuter Rail platform and the trail behind Woods Hill Table; I'll be discussing this with MassDOT later this month.

d) Eagle Scout candidate Nolan Roberts sent a message expressing concern about his proposed location for the Fix-it station; two benches are being relocated to the area south of Main Street near the proposed wood sign/ kiosk and bicycle racks. I have offered to meet with Nolan on site with the plans either after the construction work has been completed (anticipated to be April or May 2019) or sooner if he wants.

4. **Phase 2D Sudbury:** I did not reach out for follow up this month since its winter.