



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**
Date: May 5, 2021

1. **Phase 2A Update:** This phase of the trail has been completed and is open for all to enjoy!

2. **Phase 2B Update:** Regular construction meetings resumed in April; the Route 2 Westbound detour was in place for the weekend of April 24-25 and May 1-2 to allow installation of the wildlife corridor under Route 2. The next construction update meeting is May 6th so I will provide any additional updates at the meeting. Photo (right) shows the bridge deck over Nashoba Brook.



The interpretive panel information was submitted to the sign maker, Fossil. Concord town staff have been reviewing and approving the samples submitted by Fossil to the Contractor.

3. **Phase 2C Updates:** Co-chair Nat Welch is coordinating with MassDOT staff at the Central Transportation Planning Staff to discuss trail counts scheduled later this month.

The Transportation Advisory Committee will be meeting next Wednesday to continue consideration of additional signage and pavement markings around Junction Park to get cyclists and others on wheels to walk their wheels through Junction Park.

4. **The last ½ mile of Phase 2C:** After the April 22nd BFRT Advisory Committee meeting, I requested further revisions to the 75% design plans for this phase of the project regarding the wrought iron fence and a timber rail fence on the easterly side (White Pond side) of the trail. These plans have been posted to the BFRTAC webpage and are ready to be sent to the Sudbury design consultant. The revised 75% design plans are now expected to be submitted by Sudbury to MassDOT in mid-May 2021.

5. **Phase 2D Sudbury:** From Sudbury Planner Beth Suedmeyer – The 75% submission for 2D will be submitted to MassDOT next week. The Town has reviewed the draft 75% plan set and provided comments to F&O. They are incorporating revisions, which are mostly related to quantities/locations of amenities and landscape plans based on recent input from abutters. The landscape plan will continue to be revised prior to 100% based on ongoing communications with abutters, but we are confident we have adequately captured the

requests of abutters for budgetary purposes. The budget looks good and is being updated for additional amenities and landscape features. The slight delay in the submission of the 75% package to MassDOT is not anticipated to change the schedule of delivery of the environmental permit applications or the 100% plans.

- 6. Community Connections Grant follow up:** Final contract documents from MassDOT have been downloaded and submitted to the Town Manager for his signature. I will be ordering bicycle racks and shelters soon for the West Concord commuter parking lot. I will coordinate with Concord Public Works to determine whether Town staff can install the equipment or if an outside contractor is needed.