

Dear members of the BFRTAC,

Thank you for your work and thinking around how to provide/maintain a safe, functional and beautiful Junction Park, where the multi-modal BFRT **converges** in the heart of West Concord Village.

I believe the plan you presented in the Zoom meeting recently is deeply flawed and will create more problems than it might solve. That plan, to create two "lanes" in a small, narrow space, won't get at the heart of the problem (having bikers dismount), and will be ugly and busy with unknown structural barriers. After walking, sitting at Junction Park, talking to a local landscape architect and doing a lot of thinking, I present the following plan for Junction Park and the overlap of the BFRT for your consideration. My hope is that we won't have a solution (even a short term one) that will only exacerbate the problem of people biking at a fast pace through a small, highly used, multi-modal gathering space.

My plan builds on what already exists in JP--**6 foot teak benches**, adding more, to replicate the 3-bench seating already there. It also adds **7-8 foot long teak planters (with liners) which are low**. The plan requires no re-routing, and the materials are consistent. I suggest removing signs and painting the circular "DISMOUNT" or "Walk your Bikes" signs on the ground at both entrances of the Park. As you noted on the Zoom call, there are so many signs which are ineffective. Get rid of them. I've attached a plan (not to scale, and spacing can be played with ON SITE) to get the desired effect---making it virtually impossible to continue biking through the park.

**4 New Teak Benches** to match existing teak benches. Place two benches at each existing singular bench to replicate the THREE BENCH SEATING already at JP.

**14 New Teak Planters** (with liners) 7-8 feet long, 15-24 inches high, narrow in depth.

I also think that the "center" where the path comes to a cross with paths from the two adjacent parking areas, would be a wonderful place for a water-feature--a fountain. Alternatively, this could be a place for 3 teak tables with chairs, as a further "obstacle" approach and providing seating for eating.

It's exciting to imagine how we can build upon the existing scheme at JP, to enhance the park environment, so all can enjoy the place where the BFRT goes through West Concord at Junction Park.

Let me know if you have questions, or want help moving furniture around to "get it right". And thank you again.

Most sincerely yours,  
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