

TOWN OF CONCORD

Department of Planning and Land Management

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MEMORANDUM

To: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee
From: Erin Stevens, Senior Planner
Re: Update on BFRT for June 22, 2023 meeting

Stop Signs

A question was received regarding stop signs along the rail trail. Crosswalks work the same way while crossing the BFRT as they do in everyday life. If you are in the crosswalk, vehicles are required to stop for you. If you are waiting to cross, vehicles technically have no obligation to cross, although it is polite. Flashing beacons located at some crossings assist users waiting to cross the roadway be seen by drivers. Stop signs are required by MassDOT at all crossings along the BFRT. While some people may feel that the rail trail has the right of way, it is similar to any cross street and requires the stopping of any users on the "cross street" to see if it is safe for them to proceed through the to the other side of the trail.

Last ½ Mile of BFRT in Concord, Phase 2D

The last mile of the BFRT in Concord is currently underway. Progress is being made and the contractors are working closely with Delia Kaye who is leading the section adjacent to White Pond. We requested a schedule update but it was not provided in time for this writing.

Ribbon Cutting

The ribbon cutting has been confirmed for June 30th at 10:00AM. Concord will be joined by MassDOT, our State Representatives and our neighboring communities including Acton. The ribbon cutting will occur at the BFRT parking lot next to Gerow Park with parking available in the field next door at MCI Concord. We hope you will join us and that you invite your friends and family who have seen this milestone in the project be built!

Transfer of Maintenance

The Transfer of Maintenance of the BFRT Phase 2C has been officially turned over to the Town beginning June 5th as we have now reached the full beneficial use milestone. A few punch list items still remain, such as grass seedling and plantings, but are being completed.

Abutters Notice

A notice was sent out to all abutters of the BFRT in Concord regarding dumping along the trail. We have received several calls since the notice went out from people asking if the notice was directed at them and asking why it was sent; if debris such as leaves, lawn clippings, etc continues to be reported as being dumped along the trail, the Town will consider issuing fines.