



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: June 22, 2017

1. **Phase 2A Update:** The MassDOT Project information site (<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/highway/ProjectInfo.aspx>) indicates that construction of Phase 2A is 62% complete.
2. **Phase 2B Update:** Contract has been prepared and reviewed by the Town of Acton and MassDOT; recommended revisions have been incorporated. Marcia Rasmussen is meeting with Tim Letton and Matthew Kearney from Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. on Thursday, June 22nd to discuss change in project management due to Becky Williamson's departure. Contract is expected to be signed by the end of June.

Phase 2B construction funding has been postponed one year - to FFY19. This is due to the increased construction estimate by \$5 million and the delay in finalizing the details of the design contract with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI), as well as the time needed by MassDOT to review the design once it has been finalized. Design for Phase 2B is now June 30, 2019 (or earlier if possible)

3. **Phase 2C Updates:**
 - a. Construction activity continues on Phase 2C with rail and track removal; significant progress made with track excavation. As of 6/22/17, completed from the Commonwealth end of project (section across from the prison sta163+80) to just pass the Nashoba Brook bridge sta 136+00. A second crew is following to remove timber ties and all timber ties are directly going into a steel dumpster. Currently, tracks behind the mill building near the mbta parking lot are being excavated; MassDOT have personally visited to talk with the people in those buildings to let them know about these activities.
 - b. MassDOT Rail Division has requested permission to remove 1100 feet of rails that were requested to remain for historic interpretive reasons.
 - c. The BFRT Advisory Committee web-page has been updated (<http://concordma.gov/980/Bruce-Freeman-Rail-Trail-Committee>) by adding a button for "Construction Updates" and the final construction plans can be found under the "Phase 2C Design Plans"

- d. Logo or design for the bike racks needs to be selected (see attached cut sheets).
 - e. **Right-of-way (ROW) Process** – Update on ROW-related items that required follow up from this past summer:
 - (1) The ANR plan required to transfer former MassDOC land to the Town of Concord has been submitted to the Planning Board for endorsement at its meeting next Tuesday, June 27th. The closing with DCAMM will be scheduled once the plan has been signed.
 - (2) Town Meeting approved the easement of town land to the MBTA near the West Concord Depot. Issues of MBTA access over MassDOT land are being reviewed now. Once the access issue is resolved, the easement plan can be finalized and the easement recorded.
4. **Phase 2D Sudbury:** Sudbury Selectman Leonard reported that on May 25th, the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) voted to include the BFRT Phase 2D (Sudbury section) on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for 2022.