



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: July 6, 2017

1. **Phase 2A Update:** No update available since the last Advisory Committee meeting. 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:** The contract has been signed and forwarded electronically to all parties (Town of Acton, MassDOT and GPI). I've asked MassDOT Project Manager Sreelatha Allam if MassDOT and the Town should have an agreement in place as the project moves forward and am awaiting her response.

GPI Project Manager Matt Kearney reports that GPI is already moving on the 2B design project by reviewing everything that has been submitted to MassDOT (comments from the MassDOT sections and the public hearing). He asked whether there were comments on the 25% design from the Advisory Committee. GPI will then schedule a comment resolution meeting with MassDOT to be sure everyone is in agreement on the response to comments and direction.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, 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 Update s:**

- a. A 'ground-breaking' celebration event has been scheduled for Friday, July 14th at 1:00 p.m. in West Concord in the vicinity of the Nashoba Brook bridge. I am helping the MassDOT legislative coordinator and the Friends of the BFRT get this event organized. Members of the BFRT Advisory Committee are invited!
- b. Contractor D.W. White Construction has confirmed that the existing Powder Mill Road culvert will be removed this summer, and replaced with a new culvert that is better (higher and wider) for bicyclists using the trail. Work in the area of the Powder

Mill Road culvert will begin on July 3rd with the road to be closed on July 10th. Work is expected to be completed in late August, before the start of the Concord Public School's new school year. The Contractor has submitted a detour plan which has been approved and is being installed.

- c. The Advisory Committee's vote and supporting documentation regarding the 1100 feet of rail between the Nashoba Brook bridge and MCI-Concord was submitted to MassDOT resident engineer Greg Kwon who informed the MassDOT Rail Division that they cannot have the 1100 feet of rails as they had hoped.
 - d. The BFRT Advisory Committee web-page has been updated to add a button for "Construction Updates" (<http://concordma.gov/1830/Construction-Updates>) and the final construction plans can be found under the "Phase 2C Design Plans"
 - 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 endorsed. The closing with DCAMM can now be scheduled.
 - (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. The West Concord Advisory Committee suggested that language be added to prohibit the use of orange cones to block off the use of these spaces.
4. **Phase 2D Sudbury:** No update available since last memo - 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.