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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: October 7, 2021

- 1. Phase 2A Update:** This phase of the trail has been completed and is open for all to enjoy!
- 2. Phase 2B Update:** The concrete decking on the bridge was poured over the weekend of October 2nd. Further updates may be available tonight from today's construction update meeting.

Additionally, the West Concord Junction Cultural District Committee and the West Concord Advisory Committee have expressed an interest in being involved in planning for completion of Phase 2B.
- 3. Phase 2C Updates:** Concord Public Works Engineering Division staff is amending the contract for installation of the curb ramp/curb cut at the Nashoba Brook bridge so this work can be done this fall.
- 4. The last ½ mile of Phase 2C:** The Community Preservation Committee conducted its site visits for the various applications submitted for funding this year on Saturday, September 25th. The committee members and several residents walked that portion of the trail from Powder Mill Road to White Pond and discussed the location of and type of fencing being proposed.
- 5. Phase 2D Sudbury:** As relayed verbally at the 9/21/21 BFRTAC meeting – Sudbury Environmental Planner Beth Suedmeyer reported the following:

“The project is going well following the CRM. We are preparing memos for MassDOT to clarify our requests for amenities and interpretation along the trail, proceeding with ROW coordination with MassDOT, and preparing final drafts of environmental permit documents. F&O is proceeding with the 100% design, and we remain on track to advertise in June 2022.

Of note-- We are pleased to report that MassDEP has issued the BFRT project Ch. 91 determination. No more permitting or licensing under Ch. 91 is required. MassDEP issued a positive determination on the Ch. 91 jurisdiction of the Pantry and Hop Brook Bridges, but in the same document an exemption from permitting because the Bridge work at both locations qualifies as a Minor Modification”.
- 6. Community Connections Grant follow up:** The four “shelters” and bicycle racks were delivered on Monday, October 4th. I will be meeting with CPW Highway and Grounds Superintendent Aaron Miklosko to discuss the installation and timing anticipated next week. The contract with MDOT was extended to December 31, 2021.