



# 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, 2C, the last ½ mile of 2C, and 2D, plus**  
Date: October 24, 2022

- 1. Phase 2A – 2D Update:** Representatives (staff and residents) of the various communities along the BFRT met at the Fowler Library in West Concord on September 15<sup>th</sup>. One of the agenda items was to reaffirm or revise the common rules of the trail for use by all communities so there are consistent rules along the entire trail, which was done. The next step is for the representatives to go back to each community to confirm acceptance of these common rules. This will be discussed by the BFRTAC at the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 2. Phase 2B Update:** MassDOT held a construction progress meeting on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Concord section of the trail (from Commonwealth Ave. to the bridge over Route 2) is done. The interpretive panel was installed on Friday (photo right). Town staff will walk the site with MDOT and MIG Corp. on November 1<sup>st</sup> to get a view of the work completed, however, this is not the final walk-through. The cedar fence has been ordered for the Acton section of the trail (from the bridge to TeamWorks) and is expected to be delivered in the next couple of weeks, after which the final asphalt pavement may be installed depending on the timing and the weather. Final landscaping on the Acton section will also depend on the weather. It is most likely that work will not be completed this November and the completion date extended to the spring 2023.
- 3. Phase 2C Updates:** The Junction Park short-term implementation plan was presented to the Select Board at its October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. I will share that presentation with the BFRTAC at the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The estimate for the work is approximately \$28,000, with some funding available from currently available Community Preservation funds and the seeking the remaining funds through a CPA grant.



The grant application requesting \$50,000 was submitted to the Community Preservation Committee on September 16<sup>th</sup> with the Site Visit conducted on September 24<sup>th</sup>. A presentation was made on October 18<sup>th</sup> to the Community Preservation Committee.

Additionally, the first meeting of stakeholders interested in the Concord Reformatory Cemetery project met in early October and will be meeting the first Monday of each month going forward. I was asked to seek agreement from the BFRTAC to enter into a design contract for the work (initial

estimate from GPI was for \$15,000±). This may require obtaining two additional quotes to meet the requirements of the State's procurement laws.

4. **The last ½ mile of Phase 2C and Phase 2D in Sudbury:** The hope is to award the contract this fall and begin construction, with completion anticipated in two years (fall 2024). The contract amount is \$10,518,738.
5. **The Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (MOTT) wayfinding grant awarded to the Town of Acton:** Town staff from Acton and Concord are finalizing the locations and graphics for the consultant and sign company.