



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: November 10, 2022

- 1. Phase 2A – 2D Update:** After representatives (staff and residents) of the various communities along the BFRT met on September 15th, the BFRTAC reviewed the common rules proposed and, after review, voted to forward the common rules to the Select Board for approval. These rules are scheduled to be discussed by the Select Board at the November 14th meeting and the Select Board has requested that a representative from the BFRTAC attend the meeting.
- 2. Phase 2B Update:** Town staff walked the Concord portion of the site with MDOT and MIG Corp. on November 1st to get a view of the work completed, noting the condition of work completed to date and acknowledging that the official final walk-through will not occur until next spring. 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, however, given the late date and changing weather patterns, the final asphalt pavement is unlikely to be installed this fall. Final landscaping on the Acton section is also scheduled to be completed after the fence and asphalt have been installed – again, likely to be in the spring. The completion date is expected to be extended to the end of May 2023.
- 3. Phase 2C Updates:** Materials needed for implementation of the short-term improvements to Junction Park will be ordered this month with installation anticipated in April (or sooner depending on when the snow melts).

I had heard that members of the CPC still had some questions after the October 18th presentation, but I haven't yet received those questions and I am unable to attend the next CPC meeting (scheduled for November 15th at 7:00 pm) to discuss the grant application due to another meeting that conflicts. A letter of support relative to the Junction Park improvements and Concord Reformatory Cemetery project from the BFRTAC to the CPC would be greatly appreciated (due by next Tuesday, November 15th).

The second meeting of stakeholders interested in the Concord Reformatory Cemetery project met to discuss next steps on Monday, November 7th. I will be working with the Finance Dept. next week to consider how best to proceed with the design and engineering contract for this project.

4. **The last ½ mile of Phase 2C and Phase 2D in Sudbury:** The contract for 2D was awarded (9/30/22) to A.A Will Corp. out of Stoughton MA, with a Notice-to-Proceed issued on 10/13/22. The surveyor was out setting the baseline for the work.

A preconstruction meeting was held on November 9th. The Town's design consultant (GPI) was able to attend and reported back that the contractor plans to start clearing this winter (however, the point of beginning is yet to be determined). Also discussed was the chain of communication for submittals and RFIs and how they may or may not affect Concord; the Fuss & O'Neill Project Manager for the Sudbury section (Nick) will channel info through MassDOT Resident Engineer (Adam), then send to Greenman-Pederson, Inc. (Roger, Matt) and the Town of Concord.

There was a brief discussion about the Old Pickard Farm Trust II owners and what their expectations are for access/no access to the pond during construction, which will require some follow up.

5. **The Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (MOTT) wayfinding grant awarded to the Town of Acton:** Town staff from Acton and Concord have finalize the locations and graphics for the consultant and sign company; Concord's map will be prepared in-house with input from the West Concord Junction Cultural District Committee.