Bruce Freeman Rail Trail CSX Extension to Route 20 Community Preservation Act Funding Application Follow Up Questions October 31, 2022

1. Please provide a diagram/map of the location of the proposed project.

Please see the attached images.

2. Please provide a status update on the design of the funding that was approved at May 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Funding to advance the design and construction of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) south of the intersection with the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) was awarded at the May 2022 Annual Town Meeting under Article 48. The consultant the Town has engaged with for this project, Fuss & O'Neill, has been working on gathering data, delineating wetlands, surveying the corridor, etc., but has not yet issued their first invoice. They are anticipating having this data collection information and preliminary analysis completed in December of 2022. This information will then help to inform the design of the proposed project.

3. Is this requested funding supposed to primarily cover the construction costs of this project?

This requested Community Preservation Act funding will be used to advance both the design and construction of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail south of its intersection with the Mass Central Rail Trail to reach Route 20/Boston Post Road. Hopefully, if things progress smoothly over the next eight months, most/all of this requested funding will be used to fund the cost of construction to bring the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail south to Route 20/Boston Post Road.

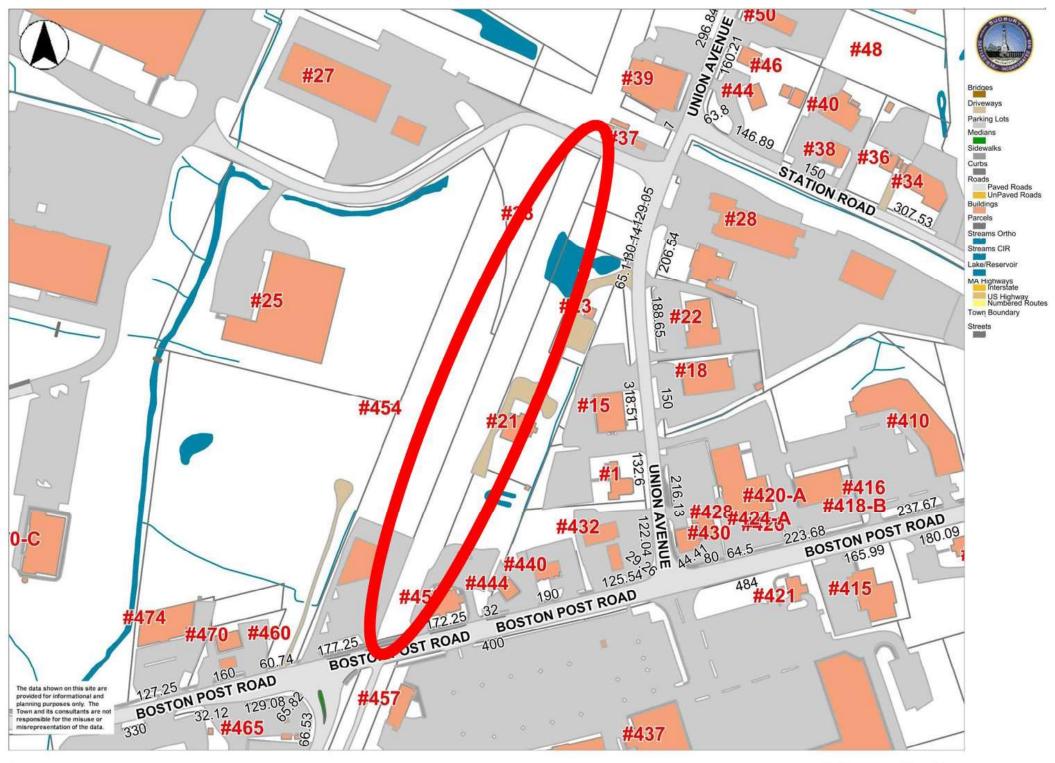
4. Does the design include the actual crossing of Route 20?

The analysis and design which is part of this project will primarily focus on bringing the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail to a termination point at Route 20/Boston Post Road. However, as part of this, Fuss & O'Neill will examine at a preliminary level as to how the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail could potentially cross (over/under/at grade) Route 20/Boston Post Road. The final construction outcome of this project will need to establish a suitable terminus at Route 20/Boston Post Road, but it will also need to be able to tie into the future plans for extending the rail trail southward from Boston Post Road/Route 20 to the City of Framingham municipal boundary.

5. Any idea if it must be designed to MassDOT standards? If so, will the project cost more?

This will ultimately be dependent upon the funding path for the construction of the project to reach Route 20/Boston Post Road. Other funding sources for this project are currently being considered, but they all have different application submission deadlines. The other funding

sources being evaluated for this project are Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding and another MassTrails Grant. If TIP funding were to be pursued for the project then, yes, the project would need to adhere to MassDOT standards, and the TIP funding and design process. This would not be the case if Town of Sudbury Community Preservation Act funds were used for the project. While discussions are currently underway regarding the best funding path forward, no determination has been made at this time as to which path should be pursued. Please note, there is a scenario by which this Community Preservation Act funding request might be withdrawn at a later time if other funding sources are pursued and secured.



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