Town of Sudbury

Community Preservation Committee

Annual Reporting Form

Name of Project including year of Town Meeting and Article Number: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail CSX Extension ATM 2023/Article 43

Date of Report: October 22, 2026

Date of Town Meeting Approval: May 1, 2023

Project Proponent: Town of Sudbury - Planning & Community Development Office

Recipient of CPC Funds: Planning & Community Development Office

Name of Person Completing Form: Marcia Rasmussen, Interim Rail Trails Coordinator

Description of Project:

Community Preservation Act funds are to be used to advance the design and construction of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) south of the intersection with the Mass Central Rail Trail. The Town, building on the success in acquiring the 1.4 mile CSX corridor, will collect necessary corridor data, evaluate its design options, and advance the trail extension of the BFRT Phase 3. The funds will be used for topographic survey, wetlands delineation, alternatives analysis and concept development for the expansion of the rail trail. The project involves hiring a consultant to advance the design of the trail.

Total Project Budget through CPC: $300,000

Total Spent in FY25 $

Total Spent in prior fiscal years:

Balance Remaining: -$9,767.96 per Munis

Is the project completed? Yes ☑ No ☐

Description of status of the project:

The engineering/design of BFRT Phase 3 is continuing. Over the past year, Fuss & O'Neill completed the 75% Design Plans, received comments from MassDOT, conducted a Comment Resolution Meeting at which time it was determined that the project triggers a Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) review. This MEPA review was not anticipated in the initial contract, and will require a contract amendment and extend the project timeline by 8-10 months.

Project results, including any changes since Town Meeting:

100% Construction Funding remains in the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) latest Transportation Improvement Plan for federal fiscal years 2029 and 2030. The project remains on schedule to be ready for advertisement in the fall of 2028 (FFY2029).

Description of other pertinent information:

A MassTrails grant in the amount of $250,000 was awarded to the Town of Sudbury in 2024. The Town is on track to fully utilize this grant by December 2026.