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BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL PHASE 2C - POWDER MILL ROAD RE-OPENING MAY BE DELAYED

CONCORD, MA — Contractor D.W. White Construction and MassDOT construction engineers are working determinedly to complete the new tunnel that will pass under Powder Mill Road for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. Due to delays in pouring the pre-cast concrete components, workers were surprised to learn that these components were not ready for delivery on August 8th as promised. Since then, the pre-cast supplier has been focused on pouring the tunnel components, which should be delivered for installation during the week of August 21st. The contractor and MassDOT staff met with Town and School officials today to discuss an accelerated work schedule and the possibility of a Sunday work day on August 27th in order to have Powder Mill Road ready and open for the start of school on Wednesday, August 30th. Clear, sunny weather will help achieve the goal of re-opening Powder Mill Road.

The Contractor will notify Concord Public Schools on Monday, August 28th by 8:00 a.m. to let the School Transportation Department know one way or the other if Powder Mill Road will be ready for school bus and pedestrian traffic on Wednesday. The School Transportation Department is making contingency plans for delivering students to Willard Elementary School, Peabody and Sanborn Middle School and the Concord-Carlisle Regional High School in the event that the Contractor is unable to complete the work in time. Parents of children attending Concord Public Schools and living in the area of Powder Mill Road should check the Concord Public Schools website and the School Transportation bus route page (<http://www.concordps.org/transportation-2/school-bus-route/>) for more up-to-date information on Monday evening, August 28th.

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