

PROJECT STATUS REPORT for the Community Preservation Committee

Project Name: Assabet River Bridge & Trail Project Project Number: 8-19, 9-21

Date: May 9, 2024 **Interim Status Report** Final Status Report*

1. **What percentage of the project has been completed?** 75% of the work to get to 25% design has been completed

2. **Describe work completed to date:**

The Town's engineering consultant has completed:

- Survey and wetland delineation
- Bridge abutment soil borings
- MassDOT Bridge Type Selection submitted & approved
- MassDOT Project Notification Form submitted & accepted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization
- MassDOT 10% Over-the-Shoulder meeting
- Coordination with 300 Baker Ave. for path requirements to a "logical termini"

3. **What key project milestones have been reached?**

The 10% Over-the-Shoulder meeting was held and MassDOT approved advancing the design. The 25% design submission is anticipated in July. Once 25% design is submitted and accepted by MassDOT, the project can be programmed for a specific funding year in the Transportation Improvement Program and MassDOT will hold a public hearing on the 25% design (likely in October/November).

4. **Expenditure Report:**

- What is the date your project began or will begin spending CPC funds?** The project began spending funds from CPA 8-19 funds in FY21. CPA funds from 9-21 will begin spending in FY24.
- Attach a detailed Expenditure Report.**
- In a brief narrative, account for the amount of CPC funds expended to date:**

For the last two years, the Town received a MassTrails grant to supplement the project funding from CPA funds. The MassTrails grant funds need to be expended first. Given the delay in the project because of the MassDOT review process, MassTrails has provided the Town a time extension to June 30, 2024 for expenditure of the second grant of \$407,000. It is anticipated that the expenditure of CPA 8-19 funds will be completed in FY24 and the expenditure of CPA 9-21 funds will be in FY 25.

5. **Describe remaining work and projected timeline:**

The remaining work to be completed by the Town's engineering consultant is:

- MassDOT 25% design submission and review – anticipated in July and followed by MassDOT review
- Design Public Hearing
- Final Design (75%, 100% and PS&E including MassDOT review at each stage)
- Public access agreements
- Wetland permitting
- Continue coordination with abutting properties

6. Describe your outreach efforts.

To date, there has not been any required public outreach for the current MassDOT structural engineering design work. A MassDOT public hearing will happen in October/November following the 25% design review process. The Planning Division will be holding an information session in September/October on the updated design for the trail that will extend through the West Concord Commuter Rail Parking Lot.

- 7. What is the expected project completion date?** For the CPA funding under 8-19 and 9-21, it is expected that the funds will be fully expended following the 25% design public hearing. Additional CPA and MassTrails grant funds will be applied to complete the construction plans. Construction of the project will not happen until the funds are programmed for a specific year in the TIP.

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