

Field Inspection Report #1

Project Name:	Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	Submitted to:	Adam Duchesneau, Director of Planning & Community Development		
Inspection Date:	01/18/2023	Project Address:	Sudbury, MA		
F&O Project #:	20200785.C10	City:	Sudbury	State:	MA
MassDOT Project #	608164	Client:	Town of Sudbury		
		Photos Included:	2 photos		

Date/Inspector(s)/Time:	01/18/2023 Matthew Taylor, Project Engineer Benjamin Andersen, Support Engineer 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
-------------------------	--

Site Observations:

- F&O visited the project site and walked the length of the project.
- F&O met and spoke on site with:
 - Adam Duchesneau, Planning & Community Development, Town of Sudbury
 - Lori Capone, Conservation Coordinator, Town of Sudbury
 - Adam Nabulsi, MassDOT
 - Mike Brooks, A.A Will Corporation
 - John Pastore, A.A Will Corporation
 - John McNamara, A.A Will Corporation
 - Ty Cardin, Transmission Utility Manager, Stanley Tree Service
- The following observations were made:
 1. The lettering on the granite piers should be vertical rather than horizontal.
 2. Tree removal selection approximately between Sta. 212+00 and Sta. 213+50 will be moved back 2 weeks.
 3. Stormwater/E&S measures will be installed in areas of removed rail and timbers due to the “divots” that will be left behind.
 4. Installation of erosion control approximately between Sta. 121+50 and Sta. 126+50 may be weather dependent due to steep slopes.
 5. Discussion was had regarding moving the bench and rest area that is currently proposed at approximately Sta. 126+00 to approximately Sta. 126+75 to avoid a tree cluster. **See attached photos.**

6. Rather than clearing the whole area approximately between Sta. 132+75 and Sta. 134+00, it was discussed to plant the proposed vegetation between the existing trees as clearing in this area was thought to be unnecessary.
7. Some discussion was had regarding shifting the sitting area at approximately Sta. 335+00 toward the Sudbury/Concord town line.

• The following questions were posed:

1. What will happen to the rail that has been extracted?

Response: The special provisions discuss where rail shall be placed once extracted. The two locations that are specified are 514 No. Main Street, Mansfield, MA, and 9 Freight House Road, Bourne MA. The decision of where this rail will go shall be made by the MassDOT Rail Division Representative.

2. How will the organics that will be cut throughout the project be dealt with?

Response: Organics shall be dealt with under the item of Earth Excavation (Item 120.)

3. Do one or both sets of railroad tracks located approximately between Sta. 175+50 and Sta. 176+50 need to be removed? Do all trees and vegetation in this area where tracks are being removed need to be cleared?

Response: The set of rail that is located closer to the driveway to 36 Hudson Road shall be retained. Vegetation and trees around this set of rail shall be removed to an extent that will not damage or cause this rail to be removed. The other set of rail shall be removed.

4. Lori Capone asked what the schedule for site visits would be.

Response: We are scheduled to conduct one site visit per month

5. The Contractor asked how the removal of organics on the rail bed would be paid for.

Response: This item shall be paid for under the item of Earth Excavation (Item 120.)

Site Photographs:



Photo 1: Station 127+00 looking South. The cluster of trees located across the stream is where the rest area is currently proposed. The area in the foreground is approximately the area that was discussed to be the new location of the rest area.



Photo 2: Station 127+00 looking North. The area shown is approximately the area that was discussed to be the new location of the rest area.