Town of Sudbury

Community Preservation Committee

Annual Reporting Form

Name of Project including year of Town Meeting and Article Number: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail - Phase 3 ATM 2024/Article 36

Date of Report: October 22, 2026

Date of Town Meeting Approval: May 6, 2024

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 for Open Space and Recreation purposes to advance the design and construction of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Phase 3, extending south of the intersection with the Mass Central Rail Trail to Eaton Road West just south of the Framingham city line; including any incidental and related expenses.

Total Project Budget through CPC: $600,000

Total Spent in FY25 $

Total Spent in prior fiscal years:

Balance Remaining: $463,666.74 per Munis

Is the project completed? Yes ☐ No ☑

Description of status of the project:

The Town's engineering/design consultant, Fuss & O'Neill, submitted the 75% Design Plans in February 2026. After receiving comments from MassDOT in June, they began work on the 100% Design plans and conducted a Comment Resolution Meeting with MassDOT in September concerning traffic signals, historic resources, landscaping, and wetlands/riverfront impacts. At that time, it was determined that additional work would need to be done to address environmental Impacts exceeding thresholds of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), which will require a contract amendment because it was not anticipated in the original contract. While this additional work may extend the project timeline by 8-10 months, the project remains on track for advertising in the

Project results, including any changes since Town Meeting:

The Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which considers construction funds for projects to be included on the State's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), continues to provide 100% construction funds for Federal Fiscal Years 2029 and 2030 in the amount of $8,628,506.

Description of other pertinent information:

In 2023, Fuss & O'Neill had estimated the cost for Design and Permitting for BFRT Phase 3 to be $1,240,000; this number will be revised upward in response to the additional work required due to a determination that the wetlands/riverfront impacts exceed the thresholds of the MEPA. A proposal for that work is anticipated from Fuss & O'Neill by the end of October 2026. The CPA funds appropriated in 2024 have been combined with other CPA funds appropriated in 2023, in addition to a Mass Trails Grant in the amount of $250,000, to insure there is sufficient funding for the engineering/design.