

Council Agenda Report

Date: July 26, 2021

Prepared by: Pat Escher, A.I.C.P., Division Manager

SUBJECT: Extend the existing Rails to Trails section of trail from Washington Street to continue to Bucktown Road.

Recommendation: That Council vote to allow the Mayor to sign the enclosed letter that would begin the process for the MDOT and MTA to begin a land banking process for the existing rail line that runs from Washington Street to Bucktown Road for the purpose of a future multimodal trail.

Discussion: The Mayor, President Cephas and Comm. Roche, along with staff from SHA and the City met with Mr. Harry Romano with MDOT to discuss the potential of expanding the existing Cedar St./Washington St. trail to extend to Bucktown Road. The discussion was viewed favorably by the City and a request was made to ask Mr. Romano discuss the matter internally. A subsequent phone call with Mr. Romano and staff ensued. The State requests that this request be submitted in writing to Mr. Romano.

See attached letter

Fiscal Impact: NA

Approved by: *Patrick C. Comiskey, City Manager*



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Harry J. Romano II
Rail Program and Policy Manager
MDOT Office of Freight and Multimodalism

RE: Rails to Trails Expansion

Mr. Romano,

This is a formal request to for all associated State agencies to begin the process of land banking the portion to the rail line that runs from Washington Street to Bucktown Road. The City is aware that this request will involve coordination with these State agencies and Dorchester County. The City believes that this joint venture will be of a great benefit to the City and Dorchester County residents.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bradshaw
Mayor of the City of Cambridge