

Good Morning,

Thank you for your message. I'm not familiar with this permit, and what rail trail you are referring to, but I can confirm that a request to allow motorized vehicle access to a rail trail purchased with certain types of federal funds may have to go through an exception request process involving the Town of Haverhill and NHDOT as well as our office. The need to go through such process or not may also depend on pre-existing easements and deeds, etc., as well as the source of federal funds used to acquire the rail trail property.

I cannot advise you directly regarding conditions for allowing such access, as this is not an appropriate role for FHWA. NHDOT is the owner/operator of the state highway system, so I would re-direct you back to your NHDOT District 2 contact, and for awareness, I am also copying Bill Watson from NHDOT's Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance, as Mr. Watson has been involved in related issues at other locations in New Hampshire, and is familiar with the exception request process should this require such action.

Thanks again,

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From: Jo Lacaillade [mailto:jlacaillade@haverhill-nh.com]
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Subject: Rail Trail Crossing in Haverhill

Good Afternoon,

I could not find an email address for Patrick Bauer whom I have spoken with before on this subject but I see in a letter from him that your email address was given so I hope this can reach him.

Attached is a copy of a driveway permit issued to Peter Roy off from Route 10 in North Haverhill, NH. I have spoken with your office before about the permit and was advised that the request had to come to you from the State and you deal directly with them. They have issued the permit; does this mean we are allowed to enter into an agreement with Mr. Roy to access over the top of the rail trail for a driveway width to service his property? A driveway permit from Route 10 is worthless if it does not mean that we can cross the rail trail.

Please advise as to the conditions of allowing access for a 50 foot wide driveway over the top of the rail trail.

Thank you.

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