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Subject RE: FHWA & Littleton

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To WatsonJr, Bill <WILLIAM.E.WATSONJR@dot.nh.gov> ☆, Barker, Louis <Louis.A.Barker@dot.nh.gov> ☆

Thanks, Bill. Good to hear they are pursuing more viable options within the Town instead of the FHWA waiver process which seems arduous for such a small section!

From: WatsonJr, Bill <WILLIAM.E.WATSONJR@dot.nh.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 10:15 AM

To: Barker, Louis <Louis.A.Barker@dot.nh.gov>; Winters, Shelley <Michelle.L.Winters@dot.nh.gov>

Subject: RE: FHWA & Littleton

meeting went well yesterday. Littleton is working to explore allowing OHRVs on the portion of Industrial Park Road from the current rail trail parking area for approximately .5 miles to where the rail trail is accessible from the road (currently used by snowmobiles). There is a process, but Jim Gleason felt it was reasonable. DNCR will likely sign the parking lot area entry to the rail trail as preventative to keep OHRVs off, and will likely sign Industrial Park Road to the new access as well.

Littleton has a couple of very old crossing agreements between them and B&M railroad to cross the trail in the TE portion to access their water/sewer system for maintenance and are happy to know that these should not be affected.

All in all a good meeting for us with a reasonable path forward that Littleton and DNCR are comfortable with.

Regards,
Bill

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From: Barker, Louis <Louis.A.Barker@dot.nh.gov>

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Subject: RE: FHWA & Littleton

Bill,

I prepared the "aerial map" before visiting the site. It is distinctly possible that the actual point is near or just west of the northerly pier of the southbound I-93 bridge. The broken off top half of the milepost is laying at the foot of the afore mentioned bridge pier.

Lou Barker

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Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 1:09 PM

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Cc: Barker, Louis <Louis.A.Barker@dot.nh.gov>

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Any details ... a map of the location... original project information, etc. would be great!

Regards,
Bill

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From: Winters, Shelley <Michelle.L.Winters@dot.nh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 11:39 AM

To: WatsonJr, Bill <WILLIAM.E.WATSONJR@dot.nh.gov>

Subject: FHWA & Littleton

Bill,

I wanted to give you a quick heads up that I'm forwarding a meeting invitation to you from the Town of Littleton (Town Manager Jim Gleason) for an April 19th 10-11am. The meeting is an outcome of a recent realization that DNCR was allowing motorized use (ATVs) on a few hundred yards of a segment of a DOT-owned railroad corridor in Littleton that was acquired with FHWA TE funds.

DNCR and the Town are considering options, including submission of a motorized use exception request from FHWA for this short section. DNCR initially reached out to FHWA NH Division Office (Jamie Sikora) and got a somewhat promising response. This was shared with DOT today, including Commissioner Sheehan, on a standing DOT-DNCR leadership call and Commissioner Sheehan suggested DNCR setup a meeting with the Town and include DOT. Commissioner Sheehan suggested that Planning & Community Assistance may be the appropriate entity to attend the meeting given your office past involvement in the Claremont waiver request and your ongoing interactions with FHWA.

Again, as such, I'll be forwarding you a meeting invite shortly that DNCR staff forwarded to me. My DNCR point of contact is Craig Rennie (Chief of Bureau of Trails). If you or another staff member wants specifics on the location, Lou Barker is very familiar with it and took part in a recent field inspection with DNCR staff.

Thanks,

Shelley

PS: I would have called you, but I'm in a virtual meeting!

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