

Greenway to UConn through Bolton and Coventry – Design status of new sections (early April, 2016)

Section 1 Hardware plaza East to the Coventry Town Line with a spoke to Bolton Park has a completed Feasibility Study by BSC. BSC is now under contract to provide detailed survey and mapping of this route.

Bolton BOS denied permission to ask BSC for a proposal to bring this section to Bid Ready documents. This proposal would be used as part of an unsolicited submission to DEEP for final design. DEEP is not accepting grant requests yet. However, it may make sense to submit request though unsolicited –as Andover has.

One probable cause for BOS delay is politically driven by Rte. 44 abutters.

Section 2, From Finley St. Manchester easterly to the Hop River Trail tunnel under rte 6 is under design by CONNDOT with Will Britnell a very helpful trail user as the design team leader. This section was scheduled to go to bid this August. Rumors persist that the bid date may have been moved to January 2017.

Will is struggling with the closure section from north end of tunnel to Quarry Rd.(Post Office). So far he is calling the gap from north end of tunnel easterly up to Rte 44 elevation as not feasible due to the $\pm 40'$ vertical climb and the buried sewer line and fiber optics cable. It may be feasible to climb out without impacting utilities, but this remains a design problem to be solved.

We expect that CRCOG would like to do something for their newly annexed towns—Coventry, Mansfield, etc. CRCOG has draft regional multi-use trail map which you have probably seen.

Don't forget the May 14th ribbon cutting at the junction of Air Line and Hop river Trail(EGC) at 11:30AM.

DEEP and CONDOT Commissioners are expected to be present. Great chance to lobby Eastern Connecticut Multi-Use trails==more bang for the buck.---On to Providence.