

BELMONT COMMUNITY PATH – PHASE 1

Community Comments Received at the April 6, 2024, Abutter Site Walk and the June 11, 2024, Pre-75% Design Public Information Meeting

Combined Comment Notes

- Consider Historical Area impacts along Pleasant Street
- Concerned with maintenance of trees within the Belmont Citizens Forum land
- Recommend an arborist evaluate tree conditions along the corridor
- Concerns regarding privacy and safety, especially along Channing Road properties
- Concerned with traffic circulation after the path opens - There may be a need for speed bumps at drop-off locations and access points.
- Propane tanks may need to be relocated and should have fences installed around them
- Benches are desired along the path for path users to rest
- Don't want any benches on Channing Road side of Alexander Underpass
- Benches should not be located behind or be visible from residences on Channing Road
- Suggestion to locate benches behind taller privacy fence
- Show trash receptacle locations on next plan version
- Concerns about trail maintenance and trash pick-up - Town would be responsible for trash collection.
- Request to consider opening the underpass to high school once installed, even before the entire path project is completed, if possible
- Town would need to maintain the path during the winter
- Concern over Japanese knotweed along the path, especially near Pleasant Street
- Several abutters expressed support for the path, and would like to have an opening in the railing to access the path from their property
- Concerns about path lighting – lighting is only proposed at the Alexander Underpass
- Preserve as much vegetation/trees as possible
- Concerns about protecting tree roots during construction
- Concerns about restoring vegetation/walkways/driveways impacted during construction
- Some abutters prefer evergreen screening between homes and path
- Some abutters prefer deciduous trees between homes and path
- Some abutters prefer ornamental/flowering shrubs
- Remove dead and dying trees and replace with new trees

- Request for railing to be installed along path connection at 7 Channing Road
- Request taller fences and/or chain link fence along section of path behind residences with security concerns
- Concerns about flooding yards and basements – The proposed path includes a stormwater collection system to collect stormwater runoff before entering private property from the path.
- Concerns about construction noise during tunnel construction
- Prefer aesthetic retaining walls along property
- Concerns about rodent control during construction
- Concerns about damage/impacts to private property
- Consider curbing or other traffic control along Channing Road at Alexander Underpass
- Review Lake Street intersection on the Minuteman Trail in Arlington for Brighton Street crossing ideas
- Major grading has been done at 40-42 Brighton Street – May need to revised path grading in this area to avoid property impacts