



Norwottuck Rail Trail Rehabilitation Project Update

December 13, 2013

Expect Temporary Closures in Amherst

Despite the cold weather, work continues toward reconstruction of the Norwottuck Rail Trail in Northampton, Hadley and Amherst. Path users can expect to encounter rolling closures of the trail from South Maple Street to Station Road in Amherst while crews conduct tree trimming and limited removals to prepare the path for reconstruction work that will gear up again in the spring.

The contractor is also preparing screening and cold weather plan to allow crews to continue work during the winter on the Southeast Street and Fort River bridges and the Route 9 tunnel boardwalk, in an effort to keep the project on track for completion by November 2014.

MassBike has posted potential detour information at <https://mapsengine.google.com/map/viewer?mid=zo7mIE2b5EJY.ksqJjCggDt-I>

Crews on the Connecticut River Bridge have begun removing and replacing the bridge decking. The bridge is expected to be closed through April.

Current Anticipated Schedule and Closures:

At this time, we expect the following schedule of path closures. All dates are subject to change.

Stage	Expected Closure	Type of Work	Possible On-Road Alternatives
Cross Path Rd., Hadley to East St., Hadley	Reopened!		
Connecticut River Bridge to Cross Path	September 30, 2013 to April, 2014	Bridge re-decking and repairs, path repaving.	Sidewalks, Damon Rd. to Coolidge Bridge to Cross Path.

Damon Rd. parking lot	October 2013 through May, 2014	Redesign, expansion and repaving of the lot.	NA
East St., Hadley, to South Maple St., Hadley	October 15, 2013 to March, 2014	Repaving and boardwalk	East St. to Rocky Hill Rd. to North Maple St.
South Maple St., Hadley, to Rt. 116, Amherst	Beginning around April 1, 2014	Excavation and repaving	Mill Valley Rd. / east Hadley Rd.
Rt. 116, Amherst, to South East St., Amherst	June, 2014	Excavation and repaving	Mill Lane
South East St., Amherst to Station Rd., Amherst	August, 2014	Excavation and repaving	South East St. to Station Rd.
Damon Rd., Northampton parking area	September, 2014	Re-design and repaving	Sidewalks, Damon Rd. to Cross Path.



More Information?

DCR will continue to post information, updated schedules, and closures on our project web page at

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/planning-and-resource-protection/projects/norwottuck-rail-trail-rehabilitation-project.html>.

We will also provide email updates via our Norwottuck Reconstruction ListServe. You can sign up for the ListServ at the link above.

Thank you for your patience and support.