



# Mass Central Rail Trail Norwottuck Branch Rehabilitation Project Update

**May 13, 2014**



## **Damon Road Parking Lot Gets a Makeover**

Work at the Damon Road parking lot in Northampton will be wrapping up this month. The parking lot has been re-designed, drainage is improved, and additional parking added. Additional amenities will include a new kiosk, new picnic tables, and a bike racks. The parking lot and bridge are expected to open near the end of May, weather dependant.



## **Boardwalk Going in at Route 9 Tunnel**

A new pre-cast concrete boardwalk is currently being installed at the approach to the Route 9 Tunnel in Hadley. This boardwalk improves the sight lines and alignment at the tunnel, and protects adjacent wetlands.

As long as the weather cooperates, the entire pathway from Damon Road in Northampton to South Maple Street in Hadley is expected to re-open by Memorial Day or shortly thereafter.

## **Connecticut River Bridge still closed**

While the bridge work has been completed, the pathway on both sides is still an active work zone with paving, concrete work and heavy equipment. PLEASE continue to detour around this section.

## Work and Closures to Move Into Amherst

As soon as work is completed on the above sections, the reconstruction project will move to the section between South Maple Street and Route 116 in Amherst. Users should prepare for the coming closure of this section later this month.

MassBike has posted potential detour information at

<https://mapsengine.google.com/map/viewer?mid=zo7mIE2b5EJY.ksqJjCggDt-I>

## 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 end of May, 2014	Bridge re-decking and repairs, path repaving.	Sidewalks, Damon Rd. to Coolidge Bridge to Cross Path.
Damon Rd. parking lot	April 2014 through May, 2014	Redesign, expansion and repaving of the lot.	NA
East St., Hadley, to South Maple St., Hadley	October, 2013 through May, 2014	Repaving and boardwalk	East St. to Rocky Hill Rd. to North Maple St.
South Maple St., Hadley, to Rt. 116, Amherst	Beginning end of May / Early June, 2014	Excavation and repaving	Mill Valley Rd. / east Hadley Rd.
Rt. 116, Amherst, to South East St., Amherst	July, 2014	Excavation and repaving	Mill Lane
South East St., Amherst to Station Rd., Amherst	September / October, 2014	Excavation and repaving	South East St. to Station Rd.

## 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.

