From:

Chris Moore <fliprollflop@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Thursday, August 7, 2025 2:14 PM \* City Clerk

Subject:

Rail line purchase

**[CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe]

Hello,

I would like to strongly urge the City Council to purchase the 5.7 miles of rail line from Horseshoe Pond to the city's Northern Border.

Open space and opportunities for outdoor recreation are important to

Open space and opportunities for outdoor recreation are important to the health of our city.

Thank you,

Chris Moore, Concord

From:

Thea Harvey <theamharvey@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 2:10 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

The Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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To Whom it May concern,

The Merrimack river Greenway is a wonderful project that adds so much to life in Concord. A safe place to walk and cycle is a benefit to all.

Please continue the good work and support the purchase of the 5.7 mile section between Horseshoe pond and Concord's northern edge.

Sincerely,

Thea Harvey

From:

Bethany Clarke <bethanymariahclarke@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 1:45 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

**Subject:** 

Support for rail trail purchase by Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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Hello,

I recently purchased a house in Concord's South end and am a local middle school teacher. My fiance and I both frequently use our bikes to get around town for errands and on the rail trails to hang out with friends from near and far.

It's come to my attention that the Scenic Rail Riders is competing with Merrimack River Greenway Trail to buy part of the railroad track through Concord. I fully support the Merrimack River Greenway Trail using all parts of the railroad. A bike Greenway can be used for free by Concord residents to enjoy our beautiful natural scenery and attract tourists as well. A private company who residents and visitors alike would need to pay to access the trail and surrounding area just doesn't cut it.

#### https://cyclehoop.us/the-benefits-of-improved-cycling-infrastructure-for-us-cities/

This article includes many examples of how improving bike infrastructure can improve the city economy, improve citizens' health, and reduce pollution.

Please pass along this message to the Concord City Council. Thank you!

Bethany

pronouns: she/her

#### Recent stories:

<u>I've Spent Years on the Fence About Having Kids But Now I Know</u>
<u>Your Smartwatch Knows When You're Anxious--And it Can Help</u>
<u>What it's Like Being a Paraprofessional for Students with Disabilities</u>

From:

Veronica Kucharski <v.kucharski@icloud.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 1:43 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

RAIL WITH TRAIL

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Dear Mayor Champlin and The Members of the Concord City Council,

I would like to oppose the approval to purchase the railroad tracks formCSX unless it can become a RAIL WITH TRAIL corridor. There should be mo reason why this corridor cannot be a RAIL WITH TRAIL Corridor. The city of Concord would see more benefit from the RAIL WITH TRAIL here, as lease money from railbikiny operations could help support maintenance of the corridor. There are also many other benefits of having tourist attractions in thrown along with jobs, recreation, and additional business it helps bring to the city.

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Sincerely,

Veronica Kucharski

From:

Samantha Lattime <samlattime59@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 1:20 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

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Sincerely,

Samantha Lattime of Kingston NH

From:

Abigael Fillion <a fillion21@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 10:59 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

**Subject:** 

Oppose CSX purchase without trail WITH rail

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Sincerely, Abbie Fillion

From:

Juliette <juliette.starling@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 12:49 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

**Subject:** 

opposition to purchasing the railroad tracks

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Thank you, Juliette M.

From:

Julianna Giovinelli <jgiovinelli@rocketmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 12:46 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Rail Trail

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Sincerely, Julianna Giovinelli SCENIC

From:

Meggin Dail <meggindail@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 11:52 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Train Tracks

**Attachments:** 

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Please keep the rails so Railriders can continue! See attached.

Best,
Meggin Dail
Pittsfield Players
meggindail@gmail.com
603-608-5525

Please use the drafted email below and send to the following address:

# cityclerk@concordnh.gov

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Sincerely,

(Your Name)



From:

N Stevens <nicolestevens021@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 6:36 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

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Sincerely,

**Nicole Stevens** 

From:

Courtney Caccavelli <ccaccavellinatick@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 11:38 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

RAIL WITH TRAIL

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Sincerely,

Courtney Caccavelli MBA

From:

Morgan Roughsedge <morgan.roughsedge@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 11:20 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Scenic Rail Riders

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Sincerely,

Morgan Roughsedge

From:

Jess Summers <smrsjess@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 10:17 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Rail with trail corridor

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Sincerely,

Jessica Summers

From:

Stephanie Dube <steph.dube4492@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 10:11 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

In Support of Scenic Railriders

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Sincerely, Stephanie Dube

From:

Sadie Buschur <sadiehb07@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 9:37 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

RAIL WITH TRAIL

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Sincerely, Sarah Buschur

From:

tbwilsonac@aol.com

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 9:14 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

**RAIL WITH TRAIL** 

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Sincerely,

Brenda C. Wilson

From: Sent: Jackson <jackbase65@gmail.com> Thursday, August 7, 2025 9:13 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

**Support of Scenic Railriders** 

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Dear Mayor Champlin and The Members of the Concord City Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed purchase of the railroad tracks from CSX unless it includes a commitment to develop the RAIL WITH TRAIL Corridor. There is no justifiable reason why this corridor cannot accommodate both rail and trail uses.

Concord stands to gain significantly more from a RAIL WITH TRAIL here. Revenue from a railbiking operation could help offset corridor maintenance costs, and the added value of a local tourist attraction would bring economic, recreational, and employment benefits to the community.

I respectfully urge you to revise the terms of the purchase to ensure the corridor remains open to both rail and trail use, allowing Concord to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by railbiking and multi-use paths.

Sincerely, Jackson Weber

From:

diznee gwen <dizneemjk2@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 9:08 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Support and Rail with Trail Corridor in Concord

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We ask that you amend the purchase to keep this corridor a RAIL WITH TRAIL so that Concord can benefit from railbiking and walking/biking trails.

Sincerely, Gwen Dupuis

From:

Vickie Ray <vicray1491@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 8:36 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Supporters of Scenic Rail riders

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Sincerely,

Vickie Ray

From: Kaela Simoneau <kaelasimoneau@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 8:30 AM

To: \* City Clerk

**Subject:** Scenic railriders my favorite place

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Sincerely, Kaela Bowden Concord resident

From:

LINDA BUCK <bucklinda@comcast.net>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 8:23 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Cc:

info@scenicrailriders.com

**Subject:** 

RAIL WITH TRAIL

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We ask that you amend the purchase to keep this corridor a RAILWITH TRAIL so that Concord can benefit from rail-biking, walking and bicycling trails.

Sincerely, Linda Buck

From:

Lisa Heath < Imheath 83@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:52 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Support for Rail With Trail

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Sincerely, L. Heath

From:

Dortiz <dortiz0508@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:44 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

**Subject:** 

Scenic Railraiders

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Sincerely,

Darlene Ortiz

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Erica Waters <ericapwaters@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:27 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Scenic Rail Trails

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Sincerely, Erica Waters

From:	Evan Gard <egard45@yahoo.com></egard45@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, August 6, 2025 11:44 PM
To:	* City Clerk
Subject:	Opposition to CSX Purchase

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Dear Mayor Champlin and The Members of the Concord City Council,

I would like to oppose the approval to purchase the railroad tracks from CSX unless it can become a Rail With Trail Corridor. There should be no reason why this corridor cannot be Rail With Trail Corridor.

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We ask that you amend the purchase to keep this corridor a Rail with Trail, so Concord can benefit from railbiking and walking/biking trails.

Sincerely,

-Evan Gard

From:

Jim valliere <jim.valliere28@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 10:49 PM

Subject:

\* City Clerk RAIL WITH TRAIL

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Sincerely,

(Your Name)

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From:

Heather Doyon <heatherdoyon2001@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 11:19 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Rail Trail

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Sincerely, Heather Doyon

From: Juliette and Joseph Maronel <julietteandjoseph@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 11:08 PM

To: \* City Clerk

**Subject:** opposition to purchasing the railroad tracks

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Thank you, Joseph and Juliette Maronel

\*\*\*Please excuse any typos. Sent from mobile device\*\*\*

From:

Jim valliere < jim.valliere28@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 10:49 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

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Sincerely,

(Your Name)

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From: Owen Brewster < obrewster9@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 10:45 PM

**To:** \* City Clerk

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Sincerely,

Owen Brewster

From:

Marielle farrar <farrarmarielle@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 10:26 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

**Subject:** 

Opposing Purchase of Tracks!!

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Dear Mayor Champlin and The Members of the Concord City Council,

I would like to oppose the approval to purchase the railroad tracks from CSX unless it can become a RAIL WITH TRAIL Corridor. There should be no reason why this corridor cannot be a RAIL WITH TRAIL Corridor. The City of Concord would see more benefit from a RAIL WITH TRAIL here, as lease money from railbiking operation could help support maintenance of the corridor. There are also many other benefits of having a tourist attraction in town along with the jobs, recreation, and additional business it helps bring to the City.

We ask that you amend the purchase to keep this corridor a RAIL WITH TRAIL so that Concord can benefit from railbiking and walking/biking trails.

Sincerely,

**Marielle Farrar** 

From:

Tarnia Pare <tarnia.pare@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 10:12 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Rail trail

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Sincerely,

Tarnia Pare

**From:** renee honeman <shanay1976@msn.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 10:02 PM

To: \* City Clerk

**Subject:** Rail trail scenic riders

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Sincerely,

Renee Honeman Sent from my iPhone

From: sharon gard <sgard\_2000@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 9:56 PM

To: \* City Clerk

**Subject:** Comment on city of Concord, NH purchasing CSX railroad tracks

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Sincerely,

Sharon and Bob Gard

From: Daniella Picariello <daniella\_picariello@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 9:45 PM

To: \* City Clerk

**Subject:** Rail with trail save scenic railriders

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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Gage Boothroyd < gageboothroyd1@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 9:44 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

**Subject:** 

Railroad tracks Opposition

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Sincerely, Gage Boothroyd

From:

Bob Johnson <ra.bob.johnson@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 9:36 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Proposed CSX rail purchase discussion on August 11th at City Council

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Dear Mayor Champlin and The Members of the Concord City Council,

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There should be no reason why this corridor cannot be a RAIL WITH TRAIL Corridor.

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There are also many other benefits of having a tourist attraction in town along with the jobs, recreation, and additional business it helps bring to your City.

We ask that you amend the purchase to keep this corridor a RAIL WITH TRAIL so that Concord can benefit from rail biking and walking/biking trails.

We visited Concord, NH last October, specifically because of Scenic Railriders.

We took a morning ride and then had lunch at the Red Blazer Pub in Concord.

Money spent in your town.

Sincerely,

Bob and Ann Johnson

From:

Jennifer Morgan < jennifermorgan1@comcast.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 9:25 PM

To: Subject:

\* City Clerk Trail WITH Rail

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We ask that you amend the purchase to keep this corridor a <u>RAIL WITH TRAIL</u> so that Concord can benefit from railbiking(which is a super fun activity!) and walking/biking trails.

Sincerely, Jennifer Morgan

From:

Samuel Eggimann <samegg13@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:59 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Railroad Track Purchase from CSX

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Sincerely,

Samuel

From:

Marissa Johnson <mij\_822@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:57 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

**Subject:** 

Railroad tracks sale

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Sincerely,

Marissa Johnson

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone Get <u>Outlook for Android</u>

From: Gregory Schaefer <scha3f7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:55 PM

To: \* City Clerk

**Subject:** Oppose to approval of CSX purchase without having a rail with trail

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Sincerely,

**Gregory Schaefer** 

From:

Isaac Stearns <isaacstearns100@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:49 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Opposal of CSX rail-to-trail conversion

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Sincerely, Isaac Stearns

From: Sent: Ethan LeBlanc <eleblanc18@yahoo.com> Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:46 PM

To:

\* City Clerk; Champlin, Byron

**Subject:** 

Re: RAIL WITH TRAIL

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Dear Mayor Champlin and The Members of the Concord City Council,

Let me tell you something about what Scenic Railriders has done for me. My family and I have worked hard to establish Scenic Railriders. We spent countless hours building bikes together in our garage piece by piece. Countless hours clearing the tracks of weeds, bushes, trash - we've gotten dozens of tick bites and bee stings, persevered through vandalism and many more grueling moments to build this business. We are proud of Scenic Railriders and we are proud of every customer we've served. I encourage you to read our Google reviews. Why do you think there are so many good ones? We care about what we do, and not only does our experience show that but also our customer service. I've spent thousands and thousands of hours helping this business succeed. There has been blood, sweat and tears gone into this business from my family and I because it was started with passion. This is a family business. This is our livelihood. If the City of Concord goes through with this current deal, you're not just taking away railroad tracks, you're taking away much, much more.

We have a good impact on the City of Concord. We have brought people from all over, to Concord to enjoy the rails and then eat, stay and shop in the city. Why would you want to take that away? Not only would having a bike path alongside our rails be beneficial for bikers and Scenic Railriders but it would be beneficial for the city. You keep the amount of people we bring into Concord who then shop, eat and spend and also bring those who want to ride the bike trail and spend time shopping, eating and spending in the city. Everybody wins. 1 month ago, you posted on LinkedIn "I was excited to be at the opening of yet another new business in Concord! Congratulations St. Mary's Bank!" - It's clear you care about the businesses in Concord and encourage new businesses as well. So what's different about us? There is a solution here and we would greatly appreciate if you considered it.

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We ask that you amend the purchase to keep this corridor a RAIL WITH TRAIL so that Concord can benefit from railbiking and walking/biking trails.

Thank you,

Ethan LeBlanc

From:

patrick mcdevitt < mcdevittp123@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:45 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Rail bike trail

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Sincerely,

Patrick McDevitt

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Cam Smullen <cam.smullen@icloud.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:38 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Mayor Champlin and The Members of the Concord City Council

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Sincerely,

Cameron Smullen Sent from my iPhone

From:

Julianne LeBlanc <julianne@gleblanc.us> Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:35 PM

Sent: To:

\* City Clerk; Champlin, Byron

Subject:

Oppose approval of CSX purchase without rail with trail

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Additionally, I'd like to just add that I have personally helped create the business that is Scenic Railriders since I was 16 years old. I have watched my father start a business at the age of 55 and essentially restart his career successfully.

I am 23 years old now, a registered ICU nurse, with a new found love for the Concord community because of this business. That being said, even I a 23 year old new adult can see the benefits of a Rail + Trail situation for the city of Concord. I urge you to show that you value small businesses and the benefits we add to the community we've grown to love.

# Sincerely,

Julianne LeBlanc,

A proud member of the scenic railriders family and supporter of small family businesses.

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Teras Randisi <terasleigh@icloud.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:28 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Rail with Trail

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Sincerely,

Teras Pierre

From:

Lexi White <lexxxwhite@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:26 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Oppose to approval of CSX purchase without having a rail with trail!

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Sincerely,

**Alexandrea White** 

From: Sent: Matt LeBlanc <matt.1727@yahoo.com> Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:23 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Oppose approval of CSX purchase without having Rail WITH Trail

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Scenic Railriders brings in people from all over New England and even further away. The guests spend money on tolls, gas, restaurants, hotels, and shopping in addition to coming to go railbiking. Scenic has become a part of the community, sharing recommendations for local spots to eat and shop to promote other local businesses, picking up trash along the trail, building bonds with our neighbors. Scenic is an asset to the community, I understand a walking and biking trail would be too, but why not have both? The best of both worlds!

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Sincerely,

Matt LeBlanc

From:

justinjpierre <justin.jpierre@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:20 PM

To: Subject: \* City Clerk Rail with trail.

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Thank you, Justin Pierre.

From:

Emma Pixley <emmapixley@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:16 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Railroad track purchase from CSX

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Sincerely, Emma Pixley

From:

Shannon Bear <shannondeal82@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:13 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Scenic Rail

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Sincerely,

Shannon

From:

Matthew LeBlanc < leblancmatthew 217@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:09 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

**Subject:** 

Oppose approval of CSX purchase without having Rail WITH Trail

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Sincerely,

**Matt LeBlanc** 

From:

Carolyn LeBlanc <carolyn@gleblanc.us>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:09 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Rail Trail/Scenic RailRiders Oppose CSX proposal of rail sale. This proposal will destroy a

small family business that brings tourism money to Concord.

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Sincerely,

Carolyn LeBlanc

From: Sent: Abby Ryder <abbyryder@comcast.net>

To:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:00 PM \* City Clerk

Subject:

RAIL WITH TRAIL

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Sincerely, Abby Ryder

From: Co

Connie Frisch < connie@cfmedical.com> Wednesday, August 6, 2025 7:47 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

Rail

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Sincerely,

Connie Frisch

President

CF Medical, Inc

978-302-3701

connie@cfmedical.com

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From: JW <jfwusms@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 7:40 PM

To: \* City Clerk

**Subject:** Save our Trail with Rails!

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey White 603-223-4040

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From:

kristen graf <kristen.graf717@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 7:29 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

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Kristen Graf

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gail graf <gjgraf99@yahoo.com>

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**Gail Graf** 

From: Donna Smith <dmsmittyandbuddy@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 7:01 PM

**To:** \* City Clerk

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Sincerely,

Donna Smith Tilton, NH

From: Nicole Bordeleau <nicbord92@gmail.com>

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Sincerely, Nicole Bordeleau

From: Michael Wilson-Pierce <michael.wilsonpierce@gmail.com>

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Michael Wilson-Pierce

From:

Garrett Lovell <glovell603@gmail.com>

Sent:

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To:

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Subject:

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Garrett Lovell 9 Quincy St. Concord, NH

From:

Ericdollin <ericdollin@yahoo.com>

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Sincerely,

Eric Dollin Sent from my iPhone

From:

Sent:	Wednesday, August 6, 2025 6:48 PM
То:	* City Clerk
Cc:	Home Email
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Barbara Maloney	
Sent from my iPhone	

The Maloney's <3maloneys@comcast.net>

From:

Lauren Roughsedge < lauren.roughsedge 42@gmail.com >

Sent:

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To: Subject:

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This is one of the only places that shows off the beauty of Concord's outdoors. I highly recommend reviewing the purchase as this place is a highlight of visiting Concord.

Sincerely,

Lauren Roughsedge

From:

Sean Gard <sgard94@gmail.com>

Sent:

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To:

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Subject:

City Council Meeting 8/11 - Rail Trail

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To:

From: Gary LeBlanc < gary@gleblanc.us>

Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 4:43 PM

Cc: 'Brent Todd'

Subject: Oppose to approval of CSX purchase wthout having a rail with trail! **Attachments:** 

\* City Clerk; 'Byron Champlin'

Google Reviews - Website traffic.pdf; Scenic RailRiders Trail with Rail

Presentation-2025.pdf

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Dear Mayor Champlin & City Council Members,

I am the owner of Scenic Railriders and would like to say I am opposed to the purchase of the rails from CSX with the intention of removing all the rails for a walking bike path. It is my belief that we can have both railbiking on the rails and a walking bike path in the same use area. I have offered the City multiple times to come ride with me to review suggestions I have for having both uses, but no one has been willing to listen because the City doesn't own the tracks.

I have just seen the draft purchase and sale agreement which differs from the previous Pan Am one specifically where the CSX one now states that CSX will remove the rails within 365 days after the signing of the agreement and they may request 180 additional days if needed. The Pan AM version had the tracks being left behind which offered more time for Scenic RailRiders and the City to discuss possible options of having a multiple use trail to include a Rail with Trail option as NH has in two other locations already.

I ask that the City not to approve the current version of the purchase and sale agreement until we can discuss options to have a Rail with Trail. We would need to have the purchase and sale agreement changed to leave the section of track we use. The remaining half could be taken up still.

Scenic RailRiders lease would transfer over to the City and the money I pay them would go to the City to help pay for trail maintenance. The walking bike path will not be bringing any revenue to the City. Plus considering the amount of people we bring into Concord who would otherwise not be coming to Concord to spend money on hotel stays, restaurants, shopping in stores, buying gas, paying highway tolls to the state. All of these are added benefits for the entire Concord community and businesses.

I urge you and the City Council Members to hold off on approval until you hear my side of things prior to signing the proposed agreement. Not only do I want to save Scenic RailRiders as it is my only livelihood, but it also has many benefits to Concord and its other businesses. I implore you to come see how happy people are after doing our railbike tours. When I can bring in as many people from outside the area and outside the state and give them a wonderful experience while visiting NH how can you just dismiss that?

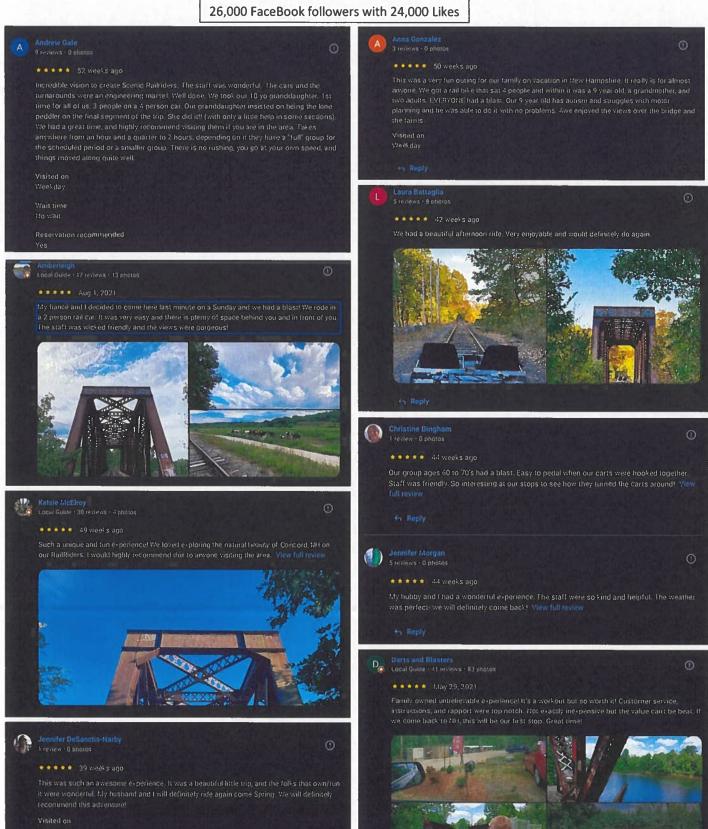
I'm available anytime to discuss this further, nobody knows that section of track better than me at this point. I wish I had know about this agreement sooner, I assumed it was the Pan Am agreement and nobody from the City reached out to me.

I've attached my presentation for Rail with Trail and am willing to take anyone out on the tracks to go over section by section my ideas to have both. Also attached is our web traffic numbers with our Google reviews and FaceBook likes. Lastly, I have 880 names on a petition to keep Scenic RailRiders in Concord from a few years ago. I'm sure I could get thousands more who wouldn't want to see us gone.

I hope to hear from you prior to the Monday vote meeting, and I will be at the meeting to speak on Scenic RailRiders behalf as the owner.

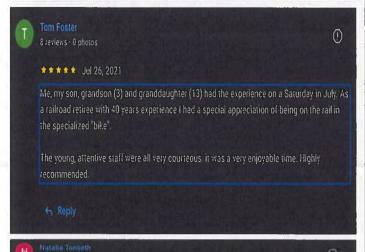
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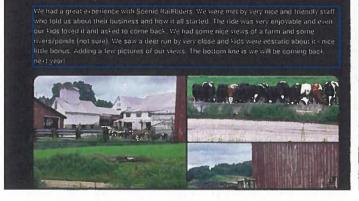
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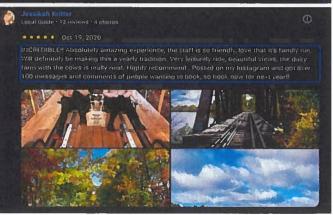


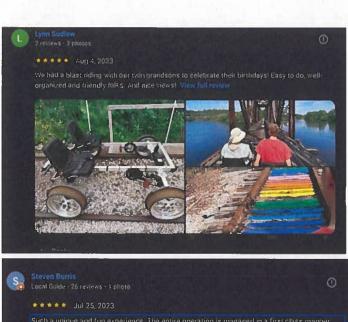








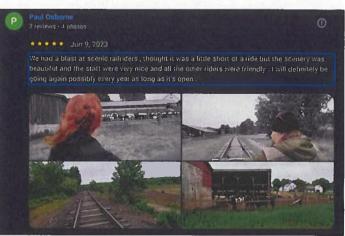




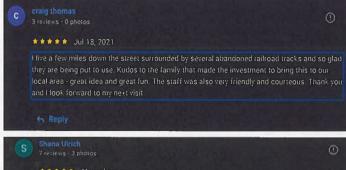


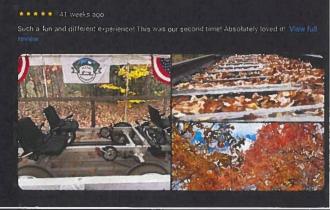




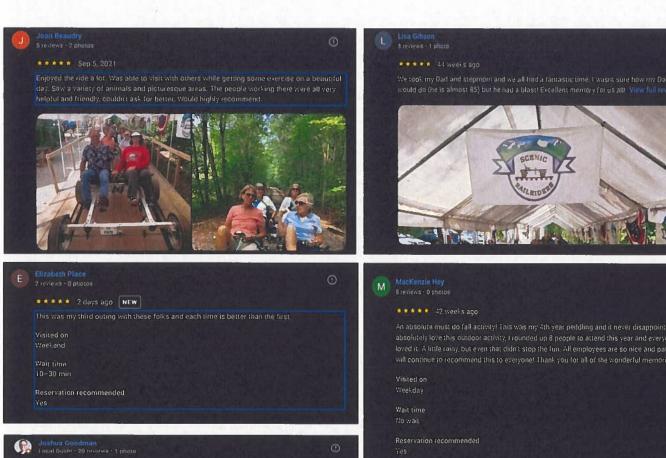




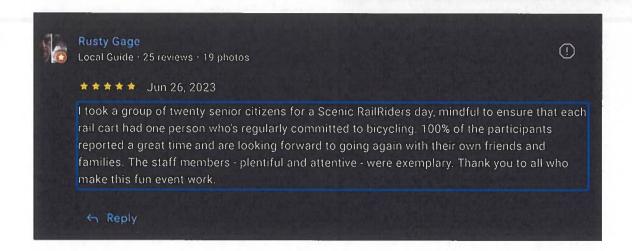














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info@scenicrailriders.com 603-931-1700

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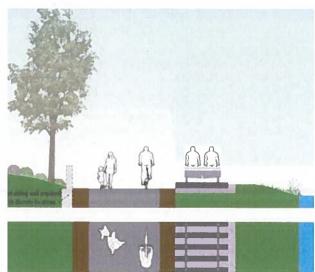
# Feasibility of having a Trail & Rail-Bikes



Feasibility of doing a rail with trail beside it in Concord is very good! Since the rail will only be used by Rail-Bikes, the safety precautions which are taken to separate a trail with rail being used by train locomotives is not needed. Plus the majority of track has enough room to have a trail beside the track. In fact, a little over 1/3 of the track did have a second set of tracks that ran alongside the mainline.

➤ Here is an example of a trail with rail in NH. Look at the abandoned rail which goes from Wolfboro NH to Wakefield NH (Cotton Valley Rail Trail). This section is used for biking, walking and the Cotton Valley Rail Trail Club also runs speeders on it. In my opinion, this is much less safe than Rail-Bikes running with a walking trail alongside the tracks.

Trail could go directly next to railroad ties, at a lower level than ties.





# Petition

- > My understanding is the Merrimack River Greenway Trail has started a petition to support the purchase of the abandoned railroad tracks in Concord, with the intent they be torn up and used as a continuation of the MRGT.
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Links to mentioned websites and reference documents:

https://www.nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/recreational-rail-trails/cotton-valley-rail-trail
https://www.nhstateparks.org/about-nh-parks/park-administration-legislation/commissions-andcommittees/hannah-duston-advisory-committee

https://www.merrimackrivergreenwaytrail.org/

https://fnrt.org/

https://mm.nh.gov/files/uploads/dot/remote-docs/final-state-rail-plan.pdf https://www.laconianh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4398/Proposed-Rail-Trail-Franklin-to-Weirs-Beach-Economic-Study-October-2019

# Overview of entire track section currently used for Rail-bikes





From just north of the State prison property in Concord to King Street, Boscawen NH.

**From:** donsweet rcsofne.com <donsweet@rcsofne.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 2:42 PM

To: Brent Todd

Cc: Byron Champlin (chamby@comcast.net); \* City Clerk

**Subject:** Merrimack River Greenway Trail purchase

Attachments: Scenic RailRiders Trail with Rail Presentation-2025.pdf

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Hi Brent and Byron, I am asking the city council to consider doing both the paved trail and keeping the adjacent tracks. Only remove the southern 2.8 miles the RailRiders do not use.

This would still provide CSX some additional salvage money for those tracks.

After talking to Gary LeBlanc owner of the Scenic RailRiders I am up to date on data about his successful tourist business. Over 62,000 riders in the past seasons visiting Concord.

49% out of state. His lease to CSX is \$32,000 each season. Or \$224,000 over the past seasons.

Imagine our city receiving these funds. How many other <u>private</u> tourist businesses do we have contributing money to the city? How much money will the Greenway users contribute to the city expenses after building the trail?

I talked to my friend who lives in Walpole, NH. He and his wife like to ride all the Rail to Trails in New Hampshire and a few in Massachusetts.

They ride with 4 or 5 in a group. He gave me specific dates riding on the Keene trail, Northern Trail, Jeffrey to Winchendon and Salem Rockingham Park. Overall the most bike riders they saw were 11 riders and 5 people walking during their rides. All their trips were on a Saturday or Sunday. The Northern Trail ride was last Labor Day weekend. The other rides recently in July 2025.

I believe you will be pleased to see the RailRiders Saturday and Sunday ticket sales are 230 per day. It seems the Greenway trails usage is much less around here. I realize you can enter the Greenway trails in many locations. However, the RailRiders large crowds are consistently there. I would predict the RailRiders will generate more indirect income to the area community, then the Green Way riders.

I have attached Gary's presentation he would like to give at the next Council meeting.

Gary's goal and mine is to save his business because it fits into the Greenway experience and financially benefits our community at no cost our tax base. Why we would walk away from this income and potential 62,000 visitors??

Please let me know your thoughts.

I will see you at the council meeting.

Don

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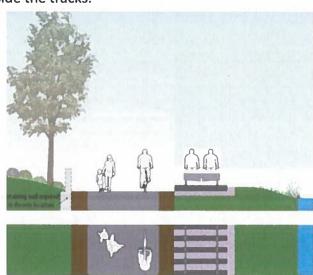
# Feasibility of having a Trail & Rail-Bikes



Feasibility of doing a rail with trail beside it in Concord is very good! Since the rail will only be used by Rail-Bikes, the safety precautions which are taken to separate a trail with rail being used by train locomotives is not needed. Plus the majority of track has enough room to have a trail beside the track. In fact, a little over 1/3 of the track did have a second set of tracks that ran alongside the mainline.

➤ Here is an example of a trail with rail in NH. Look at the abandoned rail which goes from Wolfboro NH to Wakefield NH (Cotton Valley Rail Trail). This section is used for biking, walking and the Cotton Valley Rail Trail Club also runs speeders on it. In my opinion, this is much less safe than Rail-Bikes running with a walking trail alongside the tracks.

Trail could go directly next to railroad ties, at a lower level than ties.





# **Petition**

- > My understanding is the Merrimack River Greenway Trail has started a petition to support the purchase of the abandoned railroad tracks in Concord, with the intent they be torn up and used as a continuation of the MRGT.
- > As the owner of Scenic RailRiders, I am not opposed to connecting the MRGT to the Northern Rail Trail. I am opposed to ripping up the tracks and taking a growing tourist attraction away from the City of Concord and depriving many local businesses of the future business they will lose if this tourist attraction is removed and replaced by a walking and bike path.
- ➤ With this in mind, I have also started a petition to keep the tracks in place and build the walking bike path either alongside the tracks or using alternative pathways. There is no reason why both cannot coexist. I have submitted a petition with 880 signatures and I can get thousands more if needed.
- ➤ I have spoken with the board members of the Northern Rail Trail and a member of the MRGT board and they all agree both can co-exist. However, a walking bike path, unlike Scenic RailRiders will not bring the same volume of people and revenue to the area.
- > Furthermore, I have spoken with the NH Hannah Duston Advisory Committee and they want to bring more people to Hannah Duston Island, which is what Scenic RailRiders is doing, as this is a destination on our Rail-Bike Tours.

Links to mentioned websites and reference documents:

https://www.nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/recreational-rail-trails/cotton-valley-rail-trail
https://www.nhstateparks.org/about-nh-parks/park-administration-legislation/commissions-and-committees/hannah-duston-advisory-committee
https://www.merrimackrivergreenwaytrail.org/

https://fnrt.org/

https://mm.nh.gov/files/uploads/dot/remote-docs/final-state-rail-plan.pdf https://www.laconianh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4398/Proposed-Rail-Trail-Franklin-to-Weirs-Beach-Economic-Study-October-2019

# Overview of entire track section currently used for Rail-bikes





From just north of the State prison property in Concord to King Street, Boscawen NH.

From:

Dave T <dteune@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 4, 2025 10:34 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

**Subject:** 

Rail Trail support

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Dear Concord City Council,

As a Concord resident who enjoys the NH Rail Trails and also financially supports our rail trails, I am writing to ask for your continued support to purchase the abandoned Northern Railroad corridor between Horseshoe Pond downtown and the Contoocook River in Penacook.

Thank you,
Dave Teune
1 Merrimack St.
Concord, NH
Sent from my iPad

From:

joann teune <joann.teune@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, July 31, 2025 8:46 PM

To:

\* City Clerk; Dave T

**Subject:** 

City Council support of Northern Railroad corridor

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Dear Concord City Council,

As a Concord resident who enjoys the NH Rail Trails and also financially supports our rail trails, I am writing to ask for your continued support to purchase the abandoned Northern Railroad corridor between Horseshoe Pond downtown and the Contoocook River in Penacook.

Thank you, Joann Teune 1 Merrimack St. Concord, NH

From:

Listen2theEarth <Listen2theEarth@proton.me>

Sent:

Sunday, July 20, 2025 11:51 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

right of way

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### Good morning,

It is my understanding that the City of Concord has completed negotiations to purchase a 5.7-mile long abandoned railroad right of way from CSX, the railroad company that owns it.

I believe on August 11, the Concord City Council will hold a public hearing then vote on a resolution to complete the purchase. I urge the City Councilors to vote in favor of this purchase, as the expansion of more green space is vital to the already wonderful spaces the city has to offer. I am a volunteer for one of the rail trails and can tell you that both local residents and visitors utilize these trails on a regular basis and really enjoy them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Arthoen Wolf 82 Auburn St. Concord, NH

From:

Tiffany MacNeil <tifmacneil@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, July 19, 2025 11:01 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

**Subject:** 

Support for rail trail

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## Good morning,

I would like to advocate for the purchase and development of the 5.7 mile railway property from the Boscawen/Concord line to Horseshoe Pond.

Rail trail development in and around Concord City Center enhances quality of life for residents and continues to add to the vibrancy and desirability of living here.

I ride my bike down Fisherville Rd. to Concord, which does have a bike lane. But a route without cars and traffic would be safer, more direct, and used more often for recreation.

When you vote on August 11, make this a yes!

Kindly, Tiffany MacNeil Penacook/Concord resident

From:

reaganbissonnette@gmail.com

Sent:

Saturday, July 19, 2025 8:11 AM

To:

\* City Clerk

Cc:

info@mrgt.org

Subject:

Support for Merrimack River Greenway Trail Purchase

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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

We are writing to express our support for the City of Concord to complete the purchase of a 5.7-mile long abandoned railroad right of way from CSX to add to the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. Connecting Concord to the Boscawen portion of the rail trail would provide safe and accessible recreational opportunities for both Concord residents and visitors. We have enjoyed biking on other rail trails in the area and would love to be able to access a rail trail in our own City.

When we first moved to Concord 9 years ago, Gilles left the house to go running along the river. We both assumed the City would naturally have a path downtown along the riverfront. Gilles later came home surprised to find no such riverfront running path existed.

We appreciate the great work the MRGT has put into spearheading this project, as well as the time Beth Fenstermacher, Director of Special Projects & Strategic Initiatives, has invested in this recent development.

Thank you, Reagan & Gilles Bissonnette Ward 5 Residents

From:

Amy King <aking925@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, July 18, 2025 1:57 PM

To:

\* City Clerk

Subject:

CSX railway purchase

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## Good afternoon,

I am writing regarding the CSX railway purchase. I am a resident of Chichester who chose the area because Concord is a lovely, vibrant, small city. We have loved coming into Concord to dine out, use the parks and trails, stop by the bookstore, engage in all the wonderful events and shop at the Farmers market, among other activities. I am very excited to hear of the potential purchase of a tract of land to use as a rail trail. I wholeheartedly support this purchase!

Please forward this letter on to the council for their Aug. 11 vote.

Thank you, Amy King