



CITY OF CONCORD
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Planning Board

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Secretary Sean P. Duffy
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

RE: "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) Grant Application –
Merrimack River Greenway Trail, Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the City of Concord's Planning Board, I write to express the Board's support for the Merrimack River Greenway Trail and City of Concord's BUILD application to facilitate the extension of a 12.7-mile multi-use transportation trail through Concord.

The Merrimack River Greenway Trail has been identified as an important piece of the City's non-motorized transportation network. First supported in 1990 in the report by the Concord Conservation Trust titled "Merrimack River and Greenway Trail System", the trail has been touted again and again in official City planning documents including the Concord Bicycle Master Plan (2010), the City of Concord Pedestrian Master Plan (2017), and was first programmed in the City's Capital Improvements Plan in 2016. The 2030 Concord Master Plan (2008), in its Economic Development Policies & Recommendations section recognized the importance of expanding opportunities for alternative transportation modes to ensure accessibility to jobs, goods, services, and amenities, while improving safety by separating bicycle and vehicular infrastructure.

While this trail is a vitally important transportation and recreational resource to the City, it plays a crucial role in regional connectivity. The segments of trail detailed in this BUILD funding application will connect Downtown Concord to an existing 64-mile rail trail that extends northerly into Lebanon, New Hampshire, and will connect southerly to a proposed trail route that will extend to Massachusetts in the future.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Woodfin, Chair