



August 6, 2021

To: Friends of the Mount Washington Valley Trails Association and the North Conway Recreation and Alternative Transportation Multi-Use Path –

From: Chris Meier, President, Mount Washington Valley Trails Association

I hope this correspondence finds you well. As major supporters of the Rec Path Project, the MWVTA Board and Town of Conway have asked me to reach out and give you an update on the status of the project and share some great news since my last correspondence.

After working closely (and meeting bi-weekly) with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for the last 6 months to close out our engineering and permitting, MWVTA and the Town of Conway were approved by NHDOT to Advertise for Contractor Bids on July 29, 2021, and on August 3, 2021, the Project was in fact advertised for bids!

There will be a pre-bid meeting for contractors on August 25, 2021, and contractor bids to build the project are due by September 8, 2021. The joint Town/MWVTA Design and Development Committee will select a contractor from the bids received, and construction is scheduled to start before the end of this year. Moreover, the bid documents require intermediate completion by November 18, 2022, and a **contractually guaranteed final completion date no later than June 23, 2023.**

The Team during construction is as follows:

- 1) The public/private Design and Development Committee, a joint committee of the project sponsors MWVTA and Town of Conway, which includes Chris Meier (MWVTA President and attorney), Larry Garland (MWV Rec Path Committee Chair and cartographer), Paul Degliangeli (Town of Conway Town Engineer), Cort Hansen (MWV Rec Path member, Ski Touring Foundation board member, and owner of Ragged Mountain Equipment), and Rob Adair (MWV Rec Path Member and engineer).
- 2) Burr Phillips and Civil Solutions, LLC as our retained design engineer; and
- 3) HEB Engineers, Inc. our construction engineering firm, with Josh McAllister, PE as the Project Manager and Gregg S. Ward, PE as the Resident Engineer (note that NH DOT requires the Design Engineer and Construction Engineer to be separate firms).
- 4) Our contractor – to be selected.

We will keep you posted as we move into receiving and accepting bids, selecting our contractor, and starting construction. In the case that bids come back higher than our initial capital raise, which we expect to happen to some degree, we will be running a second close-out capital campaign during construction - of which we will also keep you posted. However, if you have any questions at all about our progress, the timeline, or specific questions about the project or design, or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you again for your generous support of and confidence in this important community project. I look forward to seeing you on the trails soon!

Chris Meier, President, Mount Washington Valley Trails Association

