

MILFORD UPPER CHARLES TRAIL
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS HISTORY
(Through September, 2010)

1993

- ❖ Holliston seeks creation of Bike Trail with linkages to surrounding Towns.

1997

- ❖ Sherborn, Holliston, & Milford Boards of Selectmen sign Resolution supporting Trail.
- ❖ MAPC completes Feasibility Study.
- ❖ Milford Selectmen assign Trail Development Responsibility to the Town Planner
- ❖ Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee formed.

1998

- ❖ Milford Town Meeting appropriated \$145K (Phase 1 Design & Property Rights Acquisition).
- ❖ Phase 1 Design Contract awarded to Greenman Pedersen, Inc (GPI).

1999

- ❖ Phase 1 Abutters Meeting held.
- ❖ Town Meeting authorized Phase 1 Property Rights Acquisition.

2000

- ❖ GPI completed Phase 1 Preliminary Design Plans (Ready for MassHighway TEA-21 Funding Application).
- ❖ Division of Conservation Services awards \$116K Grant to the Town for Phase 1 Property Rights Acquisition.
- ❖ Town Meeting appropriated \$150K for Phase 2 Design and Property Rights Acquisition.

2001

- ❖ Phase 2 Design Contract awarded to GPI.
- ❖ Phase 2 Property Rights Agreement discussions initiated with National Grid (NGRID).
- ❖ All Phase 1 Property Rights Agreements concluded.

2002

- ❖ Executive Office of Transportation and Construction approves Phase 1 TEA-21 Funding Application.
- ❖ Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) programmed Phase 1 Construction on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for \$1.6M

2003

- ❖ MassHighway completes Phase 1 Design Review.
- ❖ Negotiations with Phase 2 Private Land Owners initiated.
- ❖ Town Meeting authorized Phase 2 Property Rights Acquisitions.
- ❖ MassHighway concluded Phase 1 Public Hearing.

2004

- ❖ MassHighway solicits Phase 1 Construction Bids.
- ❖ Park Commissioners approve Trail Use Guidelines.
- ❖ Town Meeting approves Trail Use By-Law.

2005

- ❖ MassHighway awards Phase 1 Construction Contract at \$1.4M)
- ❖ First “Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail” Meeting held.
- ❖ Town Meeting approves additional \$150K to complete Phase 2 Final Design.
- ❖ Town Meeting approves additional Phase 2 Property Rights Acquisitions
- ❖ Town applies for TEA-21 Phase 2 Final Design Funding Reimbursement.
- ❖ MPO Programmed Phase 2 Construction on the TIP for \$4.2M

2006

- ❖ Town receives \$185K TEA-21 Funding Reimbursement for Phase 2 Final Design.
- ❖ Introduction of Alternate Route Proposal causes adjustment to Phase 2 Trail Program.
- ❖ MassHighway approves the Town’s Alternate Route/Phase 3 Trail Integrated Program.
- ❖ Phase 2 Abutters Meetings held.
- ❖ Town Meeting approved additional Phase 2 Property Rights Acquisitions.
- ❖ Town/NGRID Concluded Property Rights Agreement Negotiations (License)
- ❖ FHWA rejects NGRID License
- ❖ Phase 2 - 25% Design Plans submitted to MassHighway.

2007

- ❖ Phase 1 Construction completed at \$2.2M
- ❖ June 16, 2007 - Phase 1 Grand Opening Celebration
- ❖ All Phase 2 Property Rights Acquisitions concluded except NGRID Agreement.
- ❖ MassHighway concluded Phase 2 Public Hearing.
- ❖ NGRID Draft Lease Agreement submitted to MassHighway ROW Bureau and the Federal Highway Administration for review.
- ❖ MassHighway authorized 75% design submittal.

2008

- ❖ Phase 2 Final Design submitted to MassHighway for review and comment
- ❖ Finalized the Phase 2 NGRID 99-year Lease Agreement
- ❖ MassHighway issued the Phase 2 Right Of Way Certificate
- ❖ MassHighway advertised for Phase 2 construction bids

2009

- ❖ Phase 2 Final Design approved by MassHighway and the Federal Highway Administration
- ❖ MassHighway awarded \$3M Phase 2 Construction Contract
- ❖ Phase 2 Ground Breaking held on October 24, 2009

2010

- ❖ Phase 3 Interim Path options and plan presented to the Selectmen.
- ❖ Instituted Trail Maintenance Responsibilities Memorandum of Understanding with Park Commission, Highway Department, Police Department and the Friends of the Trail.
- ❖ Beals & Thomas awarded contract to develop Phase 3 Interim Path design plans and construction cost estimate.