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Dear Mr. Genova:

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (FBFRT). As you well know the FBFRT is the primary non-governmental organization (NGO) educating and advocating on behalf of the BFRT. We have almost 700 dues paying members, and many more thousands of supporters.

I am writing in support to the proposed change to Project #608164: Sudbury- Bike Path Construction (a/k/a BFRT Phase 2D) in Amendment Five of the FFYs 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). We are delighted with any cost savings for the project that will benefit the citizens of the Commonwealth, and of course, more delighted to have BFRT Phase 2D in the TIP for start of construction in FFY 2022.

Please note, as Amendment Five is a technical change to the current TIP, we have NOT asked our members and supporters to comment. Conversely, when the draft FFY 2022-2026 TIP is released for public review (currently scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>) we will be asking our supporters to comment.

Given the above I have two questions.

1. What can be done to decrease the cost to the Commonwealth for Project #608164 and make it more likely that it will be on schedule for FFY 2022 bid and start of construction?
2. As I expect our appeal to action on the FFY 2022-2206 TIP will result in dozens of BFRT supporters to provide comments, what format is logistically easiest for you to process and incorporate? I would expect the [feedback form](#) but am not sure, so please let me know and we will adapt our request for comments accordingly.

Thanks for your hard work.

Sincerely,

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## **608164: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, Phase 2D**

Dear Matt Genova and through you to the members of the Boston MPO,

I hope you each will be glad to know that my email to you is very brief comment in support of the (Sudbury & Concord) project constructing Phase 2D of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.

Each of you knows how significant and important the continuation of the BFRT is to not only the 8 cities and towns through which it "runs" but to the other neighboring towns that it serves as a regional recreational and transportation corridor.

The funding you will approve for this project benefits the lives and health of many thousands of people in the region - exercise, carbon-free transportation, community, connection, happiness and better mental health.

Thank you for your past support and I am grateful for your supportive and inclusive vote on April 29 to keep the funds for this project in the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan.

Most sincerely and gratefully,  
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