



Mass Central Rail Trail - Norwottuck Rehabilitation Project Update

July 30, 2014



Path Open from Northampton to Route 116 in Amherst!

As of this week, the entire MCRT Norwottuck Trail between Northampton, and Route 116 in Amherst has re-opened! Contractors have re-surfaced the pathway, added pull-outs, installed granite markers and built a picnic area at South Maple Street.

Many users report enjoying the new path surface and new trail amenities.

Route 116 to Southeast Street in Amherst to Close August 4! **No Access!**

The section between Route 116 in Amherst and Southeast Street, in Amherst will close next week. Work on this section will include the re-decking of two bridges, installation of new culverts, erosion repair near Amherst College, and path resurfacing.

Users will not be allowed to access or use this portion of the path until work is complete! All users should find alternative routes and sections on which to recreate or commute.

A potential detour is available on Route 116 and Mill Lane with return access to the trail at Southeast Street. MassBike has posted potential detour information at <https://mapsengine.google.com/map/viewer?mid=zo7mIE2b5EJY.ksqJcGgDt-I>

Current Anticipated Schedule and Closures:

At this time, we expect the following schedule of path closures. All dates are subject to change.

| Stage | Expected Closure | Type of Work | Possible On-Road Alternatives |
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| Cross Path Rd., Hadley to East St., Hadley | Reopened! Fall, 2013 | | |
| Connecticut River Bridge to Cross Path | Reopened! May, 2014 | Bridge re-decking and repairs, path repaving. | |
| Damon Rd. parking lot | Reopened! May, 2014 | Redesign, expansion and repaving of the lot. | |
| East St., Hadley, to South Maple St., Hadley | Reopened! May, 2014 | Repaving and boardwalk | |
| South Maple St., Hadley, to Rt. 116, Amherst | Reopened! July, 2014 | Excavation, repaving, bridge repair, and picnic area. | |
| Rt. 116, Amherst, to South East St., Amherst | August, 2014 through September 2014 | Excavation and repaving | Route 116 and Mill Lane |
| South East St., Amherst to Station Rd., Amherst | October, 2014 through November, 2014 | Excavation and repaving | South East St. to Station Rd. |

More Information?

DCR will continue to post information, updated schedules, and closures on our project web page at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/planning-and-resource-protection/projects/norwottuck-rail-trail-rehabilitation-project.html>.

We will also provide email updates via our Norwottuck Reconstruction ListServe. You can sign up for the ListServ at the link above.

Thank you for your patience and support.