



Mass Central Rail Trail

Norwottuck Branch

Rehabilitation Project Update

March 1, 2014

Winter Work Progresses on the Connecticut River Bridge

Neither cold, nor snow, nor gloom of winter has kept steady progress from happening on DCR's Connecticut River Bridge rehabilitation. Over the winter



months, DCR's contractor MAS Bridge and Building, has removed the old decking and railings, replaced railroad ties, and in nearing completion on re-decking the bridge. They expect to wrap up this phase in March, and then complete repairs to the steel structure and stone piers by the end of April. DCR hopes to then reconstruct the Damon Road Parking lot by early summer.

Path Reconstruction to Resume as the Weather Warms

As soon as the weather allows, C&A Construction will ramp up their crews to continue repairs to the path from East Street to South Maple Street in Hadley, including repairs to the Route 9 tunnel and construction of the boardwalk at that location.

MassBike has posted potential detour information at

<https://mapsengine.google.com/map/viewer?mid=zo7mIE2b5EJY.ksqJjCggDt-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
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			Alternatives
Cross Path Rd., Hadley to East St., Hadley	Reopened!		
Connecticut River Bridge to Cross Path	September 30, 2013 to April, 2014	Bridge re-decking and repairs, path repaving.	Sidewalks, Damon Rd. to Coolidge Bridge to Cross Path.
Damon Rd. parking lot	April 2014 through May, 2014	Redesign, expansion and repaving of the lot.	NA
East St., Hadley, to South Maple St., Hadley	October, 2013 through May, 2014	Repaving and boardwalk	East St. to Rocky Hill Rd. to North Maple St.
South Maple St., Hadley, to Rt. 116, Amherst	Beginning around May, 2014	Excavation and repaving	Mill Valley Rd. / east Hadley Rd.
Rt. 116, Amherst, to South East St., Amherst	July, 2014	Excavation and repaving	Mill Lane
South East St., Amherst to Station Rd., Amherst	September, 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.