Agenda

- Introductions
- Trail and Organizational Overview
- 2007: Accomplishments vs. Goals
- 2008: Goals
- Formal Meeting
  - Discussion and Adoption of 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes
  - Nominations and Vote for Directors
  - Adjourn
- Trail Walk
- Annual Directors’ Meeting (all members are welcome to attend)
Trail Map Overview

- Phase 1: 6.8 miles from Lowell - Cross Point Towers through Chelmsford to Rte 225 + Rte 27 in Westford
- Phase 2: 13.1 miles from Westford through Carlisle, Acton, Concord, to Rte 20 in Sudbury
- Phase 3: 4.5 miles from Rte 20 in Sudbury to Rte 9 in Framingham
FBFRT Organizational Effectiveness is Interaction of at Least 5 Elements
Checklist of 2007 Accomplishments
Goals for BFRT – from 2006 Meeting

✓ Phase 1
  ✓ Start construction; have big ground-breaking party, ramp-up education campaign in Phase 1 and 2 towns, inform public the BFRT is coming
  ✓ Have MassHighway assign formal liaison to provide information on construction progress

■ Phase 2
  ■ Tri-Town (Acton, Carlisle, Westford)
    ● Complete 25% Tri-Town design
    ■ MassHighway start 75% Tri-Town design
    ■ Memo of Understanding: MassHighway, DCR, Tri-Town
  ■ Concord:
    ● Issue and complete 25% design
    ■ Procure additional CPA funds to complete design, if needed
Ground Breaking / Phase 1 Construction
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GPI Presentation – April 2007
10% Design Meeting June 12, 2007
Phase 1 Bid Opening June 26, 2007
Checklist of 2007 Accomplishments

Goals for BFRT – from 2006 Meeting

- Phase 2
  - Sudbury
    - Issue RFP for and complete early design tasks
    - Prepare request for funding to complete 25% design
  - Various Towns
    - Move back up on TIP for 2008 construction by working with MPO and state representatives
    - Start process of rail and tie removal w/ benefits of rail’s sale to towns
    - Negotiate lease(s) with EOT
Checklist of 2007 Accomplishments

Goals for BFRT – from 2006 Meeting

- Phase 3
  - Extend Rail Banking through negotiation period
  - Progress on acquiring Phase 3
    - Sudbury and Framingham BoS’s press negotiations with CSX, and/or:
    - Work with state and local legislators to introduce bill to purchase Phase 3 section
  - Fund raise for an engineering and environmental assessment

- Ramp-up fund-raising and grants:
  - For Phase 3 assessment and acquisition, assistance to Towns for additional costs, amenities (e.g., benches, historic plaques)

- ✔ Increase number of FBFRT members
- ✔ Formalize communication process with MassHighway
- ✔ Continued improvement of database and mailing logistics
Other Major 2007 Accomplishments

- Won CPA funding in Acton & Sudbury
- Help defeat warrant articles detrimental to the trail; Defeated:
  - Sudbury: 1x at April Town Meeting
  - Concord: 2x at November Special Town Meeting
- Conducted successful forum at State House
- Work formally and informally with Town, Regional and State officials and staff
- Attend and participate in Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Coordinating Committee for Phases 2 & 3
- Provide support letters for friends
Other Major 2007 Accomplishments (cont.)

- Built robust web-based membership infrastructure
  - Won grant to fund 1st Year of MemberClicks
- Continued to improve and update best rail trail website in New England
- Replenished war chest
- Participated in over a dozen community outreach events
- Continued education with numerous guest speakers at monthly meetings
- Upgraded Maps
  - New two-color map
  - Progress on interactive web-based map
- Brought on valuable new Board Members
2007 Events

April - Statehouse

April – Earth Day, Concord

June – Summer Solstice Ride at Nashua River Rail Trail
2008 Goals

- **Phase 1**
  - Ensure completion date of end of Summer 2009 stays on track
  - Continue to facilitate communication between MassHighway and community
  - Continue to increase community outreach

- **Phase 2**
  - Tri-Town (Acton, Carlisle, Westford)
    - Complete 25% Tri-Town design
    - MassHighway start 75% Tri-Town design
    - Memo of Understanding: MassHighway, Tri-Town, others
  - Concord:
    - Complete 25% design ready for Town vote
    - Have & win vote on appropriate 25% design
    - Submit CPA application as needed
2008 Goals (Cont. – I)

- Phase 2
  - Sudbury
    - Complete early design tasks
    - Finish comprehensive study for Selectmen vote
  - Various Towns
    - Move back up on TIP for 2009 construction for portion of Phase 2
    - Negotiate lease(s) with EOT
    - Start process of rail and tie removal w/ benefits of rail’s sale to towns
2008 Goals (Cont. - II)

- Phase 3
  - Extend Rail Banking through negotiation period
  - Progress on acquiring Phase III
    - Sudbury and Framingham BoS’s press negotiations with CSX,
    - and / or:
      - Work with state and local legislators to introduce bill to purchase Phase III section
  - Fund raise for an engineering and environmental assessment
  - Start major fund-raising campaign for large $$$ items
  - Increase number of FBFRT members & participation
  - Continued improvement of database and mailing logistics
    - Increase % of e-mail addresses to facilitate quick & cheap communication
Formal Meeting - Adoption of Minutes and Nominations for Directors

- All members have one vote
- Nomination of Directors
  - 18 Directors currently, no more than 20 normally allowed per bylaws
- Vote for Directors
- Officers will be elected by the Board of Directors at the Board of Directors meeting after trail walk (all invited)
Thank You for Attending – Let’s Walk the Trail

- http://www.brucefreemanrailtrail.org/
- http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brucefreeman/
- Monthly meetings at various locations