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RE: Town statement on the Richmond Walk, Bike and Trails Plan project

The Richmond Walk, Bike, and Trails Plan is a long-term vision for how the town envisions its interconnected bicycle and pedestrian network in the future. The recommendations in the Richmond Walk, Bike, and Trails Plan are an early draft. The goal is to make sure that this plan is representative of the Town's visions of improving bicycle and pedestrian connections throughout town, and to make sure these connections are safe and accessible to all.

The maps in the Richmond Walk, Bike, and Trails Plan are conceptual and for planning purposes only. Unless explicitly stated, the lines in the maps in the plan are recommendations for future paths, not actual paths or trails. Do not use the maps in the plan as a paths or trails map.

This plan is a precursor to any discussions about whether the Town is interested in investigating into building a new sidewalk or path. Typically, in order for the Town to build a new section of a sidewalk or a path, the following process is required: (1) public meetings to decide on whether to look into building out a path or trail, (2) a feasibility analysis and design process that includes conversations with property owners and the community at-large, (3) additional discussions with the community on whether to build out a path or trail based on the need and the cost among other factors, and (4) an engineering process that will also include conversations with the community at-large to make sure the path or sidewalk meets their needs. All in all, building a new sidewalk or path would take years.

At this point, other than the new sidewalks along Bridge Street and East Main Street, the Town has not had discussion about building out new trails, paths or sidewalks depicted on any of the maps in the draft plan.

Thank you for your interest in this project.