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Northampton Bike Path Closed for Reconstruction Starting October 28, 2024

NORTHAMPTON - The City of Northampton is announcing that reconstruction on the Northampton Bikeway segment of the Mass Central Rail Trail between Bridge Road and State Street will begin on October 28, 2024. Work is set to begin on October 28, 2024, and is expected to last for at least 30 days. A detour for this segment of the trail will be in place for the duration of construction and the trail will be completely closed to all kinds of access while construction is underway.

"We are glad to begin the long-awaited reconstruction of the Northampton Bike Path between Bridge Road and State Street", shared Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra. "After so many years of use of the Bikeway, it's exciting to see this critical improvement project move forward, thanks in large part to the \$500,000 awarded to us through the MassTrails Grant program."

The Mayor continued, "While it is never convenient to temporarily close an artery of transportation and recreation, I urge residents to avoid this area for safety reasons and to let our contractors complete their work without interruption so that we can reopen the trail as soon as possible."

This significant project marks the first repaving and reconstruction of this vital trail since its establishment over 40 years ago. The work to the approximately 2.5-mile trail section includes pavement reclamation and hot mix asphalt trail resurfacing. Intersection improvements include curbing, sidewalks, signage, and pavement markings, and there will be tree trimming, and associated surface repairs. Enhancing pedestrian and bicycle facilities will encourage residents and visitors of all ages and abilities to choose alternative transportation options, helping to reduce roadway congestion, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and improve accessibility for all users.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to select alternate routes during this closure.

Project updates and a detour route are posted to:

<https://www.northamptonma.gov/2632/Northampton-Bikeway>