

**DESIGN PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

**JULY 27, 2021**

**AT**

**FALL RIVER CITY HALL, ATRIUM**

**FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS**

**5:00 PM**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**TASK 1: QUEQUECHAN RIVER RAIL TRAIL – WESTPORT EXTENSION DESIGN**

**TASK 2: SOUTH WATUPPA SPUR – FEASIBILITY & CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF  
SPUR TRAIL TO SOUTH WATUPPA BOAT LANDING, ATLANTIS CHARTER  
SCHOOL AND SOUTH FALL RIVER NEIGHBORHOODS**

**IN THE CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS**

**CITY OF FALL RIVER  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING**

**PAUL COOGAN  
MAYOR, CITY OF FALL RIVER**

**WILLIAM KENNEY, AICP - CITY PLANNER**

## **WHY A PUBLIC WORKSHOIP?**

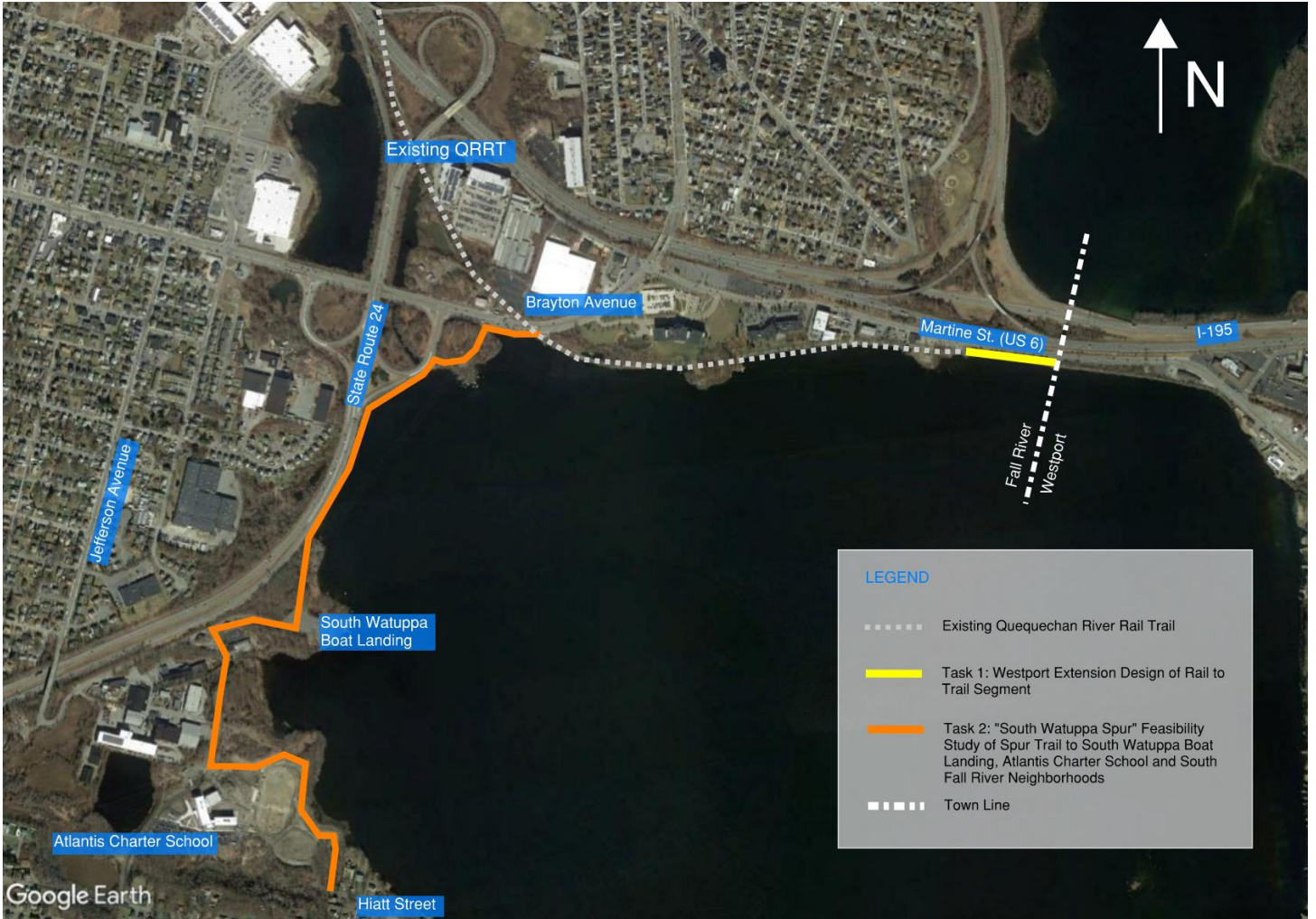
To provide an assured method whereby the City of Fall River can furnish to the public information concerning the City proposals, and to afford every interested resident of the area an opportunity to be heard on any proposed project. At the same time, the workshop affords the City an additional opportunity to receive information from local sources which would be of value to the City in making its final decisions to what design should be advanced for development.

## **WHAT DOES A PUBLIC WORKSHOP ACCOMPLISH?**

It is designed to ensure the opportunity for, or the availability of, a forum to provide factual information which is pertinent to the determination of the final alternative considered by the City to best serve the public interest, and on which improvement projects are proposed to be undertaken.

It is important that the people of the area express their views regarding the proposal being presented, so that views can be properly recorded in the minutes of the workshop. These minutes will be carefully studied and taken into consideration in the determination of the final design.

# PROJECT AREA MAP



## **TASK 1: Quequechan River Rail Trail – Westport Extension Design**

### **PROJECT LOCATION**

The project limits for Task 1, starts at the eastern end of the existing Quequechan River Rail Trail (QRRT) and heads easterly along the abandoned railroad right of way to the Westport town line which defines the eastern limit of the project area (approximately 1,000 ft.). The project limit extends from the existing shoreline of South Watuppa Pond north to the existing back of sidewalk along the southern curblineline of Martine Street to the North.

### **PROJECT PURPOSE**

The purpose of the proposed project is to extend the existing QRRT to the town line of Westport, providing bicycle and pedestrian accommodations and enabling future connectivity to the adjacent town of Westport.

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

The proposed improvements include construction of a ten (10) foot wide path, extending from the existing QRRT “turnaround” location to the town line of Westport. Existing information such as right of way and existing utilities will be identified to establish any right of way action or proposed utility and stormwater improvements that are necessary. Other improvements include appropriate signing and pavement markings and grading of the new trail.

### **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

The design plans presented this evening for the Rail Trail Extension are at the 25% design stage. Design, permitting, and right of way acquisition must be completed 2022. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Fall 2022.

## **TASK 2: South Watuppa Spur – Feasibility & Conceptual Design of Spur Trail to South Watuppa Boat Landing, Atlantis Charter School and South Fall River Neighborhoods**

### **PROJECT LOCATION**

The project limits for Task 2 include the corridor from the southern side of Brayton Avenue at the existing QRRT, heading southerly along the edge of South Watuppa Pond, toward the South Watuppa boat ramp, then connecting into Jefferson Street Extension. In addition, a looped spur is anticipated to head farther south along the water's edge past the Atlantis Charter School, connecting to the end of Hiatt Street. The overall length of the spur is approximately 1.25 miles.

### **PROJECT PURPOSE**

The purpose of the proposed project is to develop the feasibility study for a 10'-12' wide shared use path from the existing Quequechan River Rail Trail (QRRT) at the southern approach to Brayton Avenue off-road along the northeast shoreline of South Watuppa Pond in a southerly direction to the Jefferson Street Extension South Watuppa boat ramp, then connect to the existing shared use path heading into the Atlantis Charter School property and to eventually connect to the existing end of Hiatt Street.

### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

The proposed improvements in the feasibility study will include the evaluation of the construction of a 10'-12' wide path, extending from the existing QRRT to Hiatt Street. The improvements will include emphasizing connectivity while minimizing the impacts to critical State and local resources and that will maintain the City's stated vision of the facility's purpose and need. Improvements such as plantings, signage and other branding features may be incorporated into future design.

### **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

The plans for the spur route are conceptual only and are intended to determine project environmental and right-of-way impacts as well as construction costs. Further design will be required should the City decide to move forward with the project.

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This sheet is provided for your comments. Your input is solicited and appreciated. Please return your sheet, with comments, to a staff member at the meeting, or mail to:

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City of Fall River Department of Planning  
One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02722

The final date for receipt of written statements and exhibits for inclusion into the official workshop transcript will be ten (10) days after the Public Workshop.

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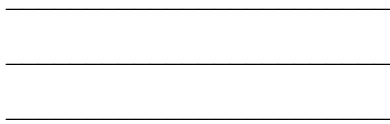
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