

Grants sought to build rail-trail in Norton

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Norton — The Norton Alternative Transportation Committee's first task is to find funding for a four-mile extension of the World War II Memorial Park trail from Mansfield into Norton.

Construction costs for the rail trail project is estimated at \$500,000 to \$835,000 per mile, according to Jacqueline Schmidt, a Senior Transportation Planner for Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). That puts a four-mile extension like Norton is seeking at \$2 to \$3.3 million

If funding is available, the plan is to add four additional miles onto the two-mile paved trail in Mansfield. The trail will pick up in Mansfield on Fruit Street and run along the old WWII Memorial railroad trail through Norton until it reaches the Taunton border.

Schmidt is working with the Norton Alternative Transportation Committee exploring several funding options.

"SRPEDD deals specifically with applying for federal funding through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is the official programming documents for transportation projects in the southeastern Massachusetts regions," Schmidt said.

TIP is a fiscally constrained document that identifies projects allocated for several funding programs included the Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation, Air Quality Program, Highway Safety Improvement and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Schmidt said.

Norton's rail trail project falls into the TAP category, she said.

"Funding through TIP is typically 80 percent federally funding and requires a 20 percent state match," Schmidt said. "TIP funding is generally used for the construction of the project and the town is usually responsible for funding the design of the project."

Schmidt said she and the committee will also explore other sources of grant funding including funding through the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Recreation Trails Program as well as other sources.

"These sources are pretty limited and generally for smaller amounts of money, but it is still pretty early in the game to estimate how much they could receive in grants," Schmidt said.

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