



Recommendation After Study

- FST study has been very helpful, highlighting a number of issues and details to address.

Recommendation:

- Move forward with the Town Meeting article, in spite of open issues (next page).
- Use additional time to work toward resolution of those issues.
- Continue to engage abutters, build support and raise funds.

Issues Still Open

1. Indemnification for the MBTA if lease is approved.
 - Most towns recently have gone without Insurance
 - Insurance available for \$22K, with 50% matched by state
 - Newton went for double \$5M the insurance cap
2. Where lease begins
 - MBTA wants to retain tracks between Needham Junction and just past High Rock St.
 - Yet access to Chestnut St from the trail would provide great value.
 - Negotiations ahead
3. Nstar Relationship Undefined
 - The easement along the right of way
 - Access to the trail from Chestnut St and High Rock along Nstar property

4. The Charles River Bridge
 - FST Structural Engineers determined that the Trestle Bridge is not sound.
 - It will need to be replaced, likely cost around \$1,000,000.
 - However . . .
 - The bridge isn't part of this phase, especially as Dover is delaying their approval, and wants to defer on the bridge initially.



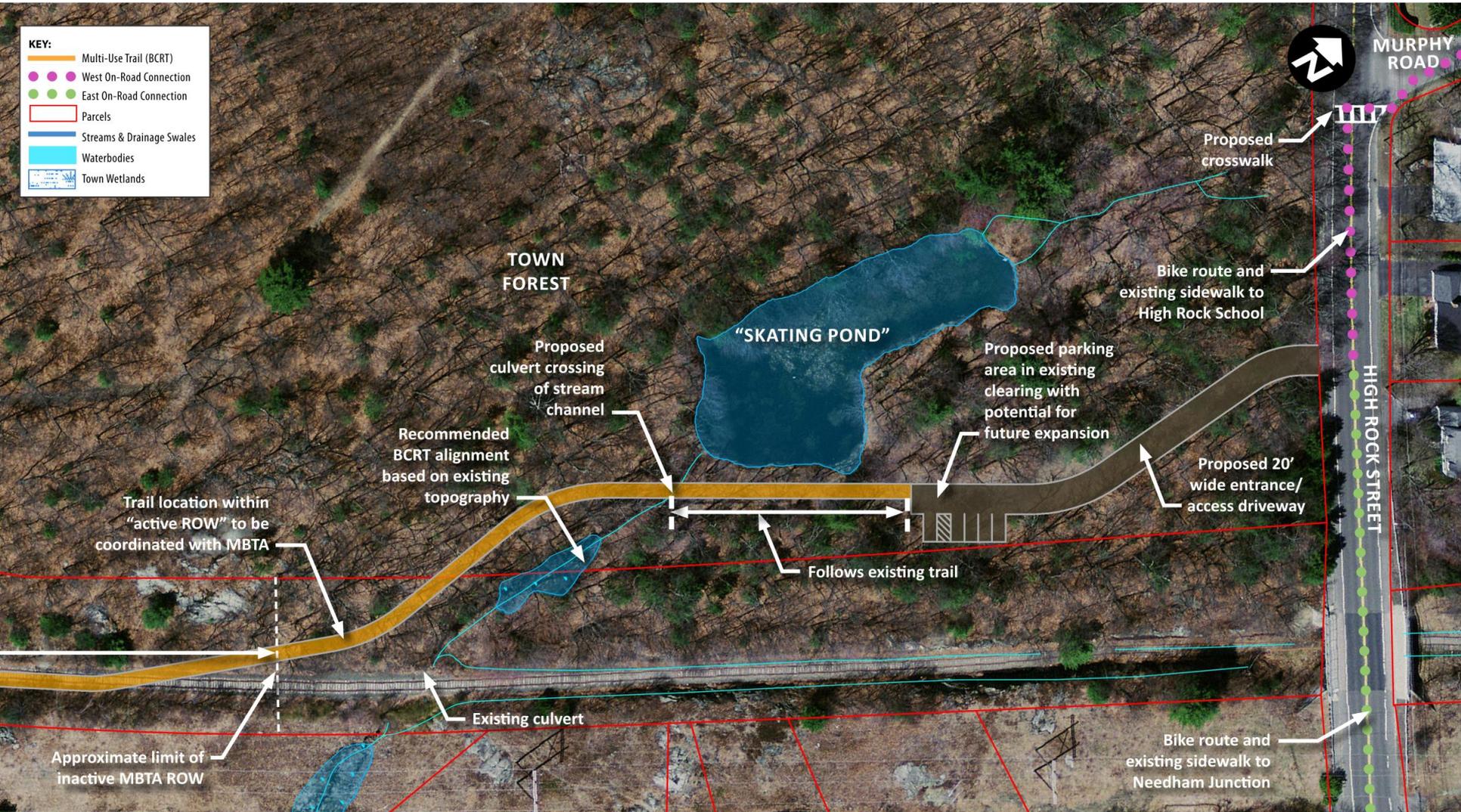
Recommended replacement bridge type

FST Proposed Design at High Rock Street Trailhead

With MBTA retaining tracks to High Rock, this becomes the trailhead.

Makes use of existing but fallow access road off High Rock.

Provides access to Town Forest and High Rock as well as the trail.



FST Proposed Design: Parking at Charles River and Fisher Streets

Small parking lots off both streets, with nice open park in between.

Historical markers and kiosks to highlight railroad background.

Abutter concerns: properties along right of way between streets.

