

Last summer, LD 404 was passed by a super majority vote in the Maine Senate and House and was signed into law by Governor Mills (7/7/23). This landmark bill authorized the removal of 31 miles of railroad track and the construction of a 10' wide "trail until rail" for use by pedestrians, cyclists, snowmobilers, and other non-motorized recreational users. The Maine Department of Transportation (MEDOT) commissioned the consulting firm HNTB, to develop a phased feasibility study depicting the plan and construction of 31 miles of recreational interim "trail until rail" from Standish to Fryeburg.

The MaineDOT created and posted a slide presentation overview and a draft version of the Feasibility Report on-line for public comment from 7/24/23 to 8/15/24 (3 week comment period).

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/dec4a29e8e5d44d6a08dcd21c18f5099>

We need to hear from you - regarding what a trail will do for recreation, healthy lifestyles, and for the local economy. Your comments are important. Your comments will be reviewed by the MDOT and potentially could be incorporated as changes to the Feasibility study and plan.

Please go to the web site, see the presentation and add your thoughts, comments and support while the trail is in the planning stages.

Sincerely,

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