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To the MPO,

My name is Daniel A. De Pompei. I have been a resident of Sudbury MA for 38 years. I have been a member of the National Rails to Trails Conservancy for 19 years.

The following statement is provided in response to the MPO's request for citizen input for current transportation planning. I am specifically interested in bicycles as an opportunity for alternative transportation.

I do not, however, support the design or construction of multi-use trails that can not be validated to reduce automotive traffic in a substantive and measurable way. I do not support multi-use trails whose right-of-way passes through, or near, areas of endangered or threatened species habitat, major game trails, wetlands or riparian areas.

In this regard, the proposed Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in Sudbury has not, and, in my estimation, can not be justified as mitigating traffic congestion. The proposed right-of-way for the Bruce Freeman in Sudbury violates all of the above mentioned wildlife and environmental concerns. And, perhaps unique to Sudbury, the trail right-of-way places significant, historical family owned small businesses at risk (specifically Cavicchio's).

There has been no open, measurable justification of the Bruce Freeman rail trail in Sudbury. There has been no effort by the Trail's advocacy group (or the state) to address or resolve any of the risks associated with the trail and I do not recommend and will not support the use of public funds for the Bruce Freemen Rail Trail.

There are simply too many State validated needs for transportation funds that should take priority over the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in Sudbury.

I am available for further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,.

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