

General Comments Positive

1. This would be a good addition to the town of Salem.
2. This would be a wonderful addition to the area.
3. the bike trail would be great!!!!
4. We have recently walked the trail in Windham and enjoyed it a lot. It was safe and the scenery was great. We think an extension of the trail is a great idea for safe exercise and an alternative to driving. Also, we are all for additional transportation options.
5. Our Family uses the Windham rail trail every weekend. It is a beautiful place. We would love to have access through Salem.
6. This is awesome. I would love to be able to ride my bike to Derry, but at the very least I would love to be able to ride my bike in Salem and feel safe.
7. This proposed project is overdue. If your going to do it, make sure it is a model for other proposed projects and one that this community could be proud of. Security/Safety is also very important.
8. I think this would be great for local folks who might not be able to drive. Also to save money on gas & be green.....
9. walk to work every day Market Basket !
10. I am looking forward to this project, as I think many would use to ride bikes, jog and to travel without the use of a car to some of the local business'
11. We are new to cycling and enjoy it very much. This rail trail would be a great asset to the town. Some businesses are flourishing at other trails that we use because of the trail.
12. This could be the start of allowing people a choice. Walking or biking safely to the store would defiantly allow someone to spend the savings in gas toward the higher cost of food, household goods and also local services. I personally will use this trail many time during the week ,if i could do so safely and not be dodging cars. thank you!
13. I love the idea of a cycle/pedestrian path in this location especially that connects to the existing path in Windham. I would use it primarily for recreational purposes and occasionally to bike to a shopping location. I believe that it would not only spruce up the appearance along route 28, but would be a catalyst for a stronger and healthier community. I say go for it!
14. This is an excellent idea and I would use the trail frequently for exercise and getting around. Route 28 is dangerous to cross-yet people do everyday. A crosswalk would assist in maintaining safety. The bike/jogging trail would be used by many people and really needs to be implemented and developed.
15. Our family would use a bike path for exercise and outdoor activities. We would not use it for transportation
16. I am a avid cyclist that rides for recreation and commuting. I commute to work on River rd. in Andover, Ma from Cluffs Crossing once a week. I frequent the Windham/North Salem trail for recreation. It would be a lot safer if I could ride a on a bike path to work!
17. We would bike or walk to work if a safe path were available. The lack of safe walking/biking areas is Salem has been a long standing problem. This project is long overdue. Lets use our resources to improve the community for all by making it easier and safer to get out and get some exercise and to access various commercial and public areas.
18. This sounds very exciting overall. We look forward to being kept up to date on the progress of this project. Please try and submit articles to Salem Observer on the status of the project ... lot of people read this and would be interested.
19. I think this is a great idea. Hopefully many will see the merits of this opportunity to use alternative methods of transportation.
20. I think this is a long over due project please push on and get it done. We use the Windham end of this route and it would be nice to start in our home town instead of driving to Windham.

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21. I LOVE SALEM, AND I FEEL THAT THE (RAIL TRAIL) IS A GREAT IDEA! It would benefit the town and its residents tremendously!!(get off the couch and walk its good exercise, and good for you!! just need a place to do it!! (railtrail) yay:)
22. The rail trail is just what Salem needs since it lacks recreation areas for its citizens. Also maintaining the trail would be a great community service project for the local schools, organizations and businesses.
23. I think this is a great idea. Unless you are able to transport multiple bikes, it is hard to ride together as a family. My family would use this as recreation activity.
24. I would bike to the post office and Market Basket today were it not for the lack of SAFE bike paths. Given an operational trail such as this project foresees, I would leave my car parked in the driveway for most Salem business/shopping needs.
25. Since we moved to Salem in 2004 we were discouraged with absence of transit facilities and pedestrian and bike ways. Using sidewalks by cyclists and walkers poses a big risk for the traffic. Salem does not offer at this time much for walkers, cyclists or skaters and in this way limits possibilities for a healthy life. Some time ago we also thought about moving to the places, that would be close to pedestrians roads. However this project will keep us here, as other energetic people, in a very nice town, that will become also a convenient place.
26. I would like to see this happen.
27. Thank you for a great project- Good luck!
28. This project is much anticipated. It would be used so much for exercise and for kids - who are too young to drive but should have some independence - to get from one destination to another, SAFELY!! As a parent I don't want my kids walking on Rt. 28. Personally, I drive to Windham to use their bike path often and always think of how much money I pay in taxes for my home, we should have this bike path.
29. We would love this path so we can exercise and feel safe.
30. I honestly hope this plan gets implemented in the near future. I have hoped and wanted something like this for many years and I wait patiently for the opportunity to help the process along and to benefit from the trail
31. I think a bike/cycle path is a nice idea. There are few places to walk in this town because on sidewalk issues.....
32. I believe this is a wonderful idea that is long overdue. I live in a retirement community adjacent to Route 28 and would take advantage of this plan.
33. I would cycle to work if there were a safe and direct access down Rte 28. I work just over the State line in Methuen, and the bulk of my travel is on Rte 28. I walk fairly regular on the tracks, and find it the most direct and safest route, during my recreational walks.
34. Thank you for this opportunity to talk about a really important project that will better our community. I hope this will get built to ease Salem's traffic problems. Thank you to all the bike ped committee members for doing a great job!
35. I currently use and enjoy the Windham trail and look forward to using the Salem trail
36. I am a single parent living in Salem with 2 school age boys. I would appreciate a mode of transportation for them to get to part time jobs, sports fields and volunteer activities.
37. I work out of town so would not be able to use it to get to work, but I would use it on a regularly for exercise and to get to place locally safely. I would love to bike or walk to the library or Market Basket but it is very difficult and dangerous to cross route 28. I also feel it will promote better health in children and adults to have access to this Corridor. Friends and I have driven down to the Minuteman Trail often to use it and I feel that people will come here to use this one and will give boost local business while they are here.. I am in favor of this plan.
38. Without a proper sidewalk on the southside of route 28 there isn't a safe place to walk our dogs from our home on Hillcrest Rd. the corridor would add quality to our lives and those of our dogs.
39. I think this is a great project. I am enthusiastic about it. Cannot wait to see it and use it.
40. I support every effort to develop a bike/walking path and bus transportation in Salem 100%. It is desperately needed, and we have waited a very long time!

41. I think this is a GREAT idea! I moved here from Minnesota 4 years ago and have been disappointed that there are no safe places to walk in Salem! No sidewalks and people drive very fast on our abutting street (Lake Street) You take your life in your hands trying to get some exercise! We drive to the Windham Rail Trail almost daily to walk - rain or shine! You have my support 150%!!!!
42. We as a family have used the bike trails in Windham and love it. We also love to go to the cape and ride bikes. It is a wonderful free thing you can do with your kids that keeps us connected. I am looking forward to the trails that you are trying to build.
43. I think the SBPC is a great idea for everyone in Salem, young and old. It could provide a safe place for exercise and improve property values as well.
44. This Is A Great Idea & Good For Salem.....
45. Let's do it!
46. I look forward to having access to the bike trail, safer than riding down Rt. 28. The cars come very close and debris in the very small bike lane makes it hazardous.

Facilities Ideas Needs

1. Need places to drive and park along bike route for people with kids that don't live close enough , like near the bridge that crosses
2. I cycle on Old Rockingham Rd. and the Bike path beginning at Cycles Etc to Windham Depot Rd. every day for exercise. I would continue on the path to work in Derry if it was entirely paved. I work 2/10 of a mile from South Road in Derry - my office is across from Parkland Medical Center on rte 28. Crossing rte 111 at Cycles Etc from the end of Old Rockingham Rd. can be difficult at times.
3. I would only use the path if it is wide enough for at least 3 persons or bicycles, paved with hot top or very fine crushed stone with no boulders popping out. I used the trail that starts at Rt. 111 behind the bicycle shop in Windham once and will never use it again. It's quite narrow and a good part of it is paved with large, loose, uneven stones and some very large rocks protruding out of the ground. I think it is dangerous to those using it and to bike tires. I certainly wouldn't recommend jogging or roller blading on it.
4. I would bike to work in nice weather to Stiles Road, but it is far too dangerous to cross the traffic entering and exiting Rte. 93 anytime of the day, and crossing Rte. 28 during rush hour is no bargain either. You take your life in your hands to do so because the traffic congestion is so clogged, especially in the late afternoon hours. If there were a direct bike path to the medical buildings on Stiles Road from Main Street, it would be great...and healthy to do so too. Perhaps when a person arrived there, his/her blood pressure and cholesterol levels would reflect the exercise and drop several points.
5. I would love to see the bike path developed as we live in Noyes Terrace and have only a limited area for safe biking/walking. My family would use the path all the time for recreation, and as a route to our school, where I also work. I feel it would also give kids to ride their bikes around town a bit more, like I used to when I was a kid!
6. Both household members are retired. We currently walk as many errands as possible as determined by what we must carry, weather and distance.
7. Very important that this bike path be improved and maintained.
8. If there was a bus service towards Boston, I would take advantage of it in order to reduce the environmental impact of my current commute not to mention the reduction of wear & tear on my vehicles.
9. We are in full support of bringing rail operations back to Salem. Having transit by rail to Boston and other points would be much more beneficial to the area, and much less troublesome to the Rt 28 business area.
10. I use the path from 111A area near the 5 corners to the Windham path. The area from Salem to Windham is not paved and is difficult to walk after rain, etc. I have also seen wild animals in that path. The path that is paved, is not as bad and more people seem to use it vs. the unpaved path.

11.Only Problem I Can See With It Is The Major Road Crossings. Some Of These Intersections Are Already Troublesome. Then Add In An Elderly Person Trying To Cross The Boulevard At Rush Hour Can Only Add To Mess. The Transit Sytem Addition Can Only Be Viewed As Beneficial To All. Especially Salem With The Growing Elderly Population.
12. One works from home, the other in Mass. Children currently take school bus to school.
13. There is already enough congestion on 28 with shoppers from Massachusetts. I would like to see a bike path strictly designed for leisure and exercise since there are not enough wide sidewalks, playgrounds or dog parks for that matter. I think the construction is well needed, however, I don't think it should be a means of creating revenue.
14. My concern is safe crossing at intersects at Cluff Crossing and Veterans Parkway. Seems to me the only safe way for a kid on a bike to get across these intersections would be a pedestrian overpass. Expensive!
15. I work in Boston and if there was a commuter rail from Salem to Boston I would seriously consider using it. There has been talk about one from Manchester to Boston through Salem. If this happens, what becomes of this pedestrian bike path? Where else could there be train tracks?
16. I would walk more often with the opportunity to cross Route 28 safely. That is the major drawback.
17. I cross Rte 28 twice a day to reach my vanpool at Kmart and would like to see a crosswalk at Cluff crossing
18. I'm all for developing this route provided it is privately funded. I'll be happy to donate so long as you don't attempt to force me to pay through taxes.
19. Please consider pedestrian bridges spanning Route 28.

Abutter and Other Concerns

1. I live on Old Rockingham Road, and I am very concerned about the noise level that this path would put right in front of our house, as well as the amount of strangers that it will bring within a close proximity to our home and our children. I am also quite concerned about the eyesore that this will leave us looking at outside our front door
2. This effort seriously needs to consider the privacy and safety of residents who will be closest to the path
3. Old Rockingham Rd, north, to Rte 111, is lined with private homes with their backyards facing Rte 28...the town in its efforts to make Walmart happy, already destroyed what buffer zone there was between these homes and 28 when they mowed down all the trees lining 28 and allowed all of the business development with their parking lots, lot and store lights shining in our homes, esp in the late fall and winter, & early spring, when the leaves of the trees that are left, are gone.. To now add a bicycle and walking/running path, to further invade these homeowners' privacy, in my opinion, is atrocious...I am one of those home owners.
4. I have a serious concern about the significant amount of traffic which occurs on Route 28, to further compound that, with a pedestrian trail, while admirable, sounds dangerous and unlikely to be helpful. Another impediment to gain access to my house, off of Kelly Road, is not enticing, in any way.
5. We are against the Salem Pedestrian corridor.
6. For people who live on Old Rockingham Road, this continues to invade our privacy, disturbing the environment for animals, light and noise. This is close and would oppose the project
7.my only concerns would be hoodlums, graffiti littering & the cost for the up & preventive.
8. Salem taxes are too high now. We already have a bike path that is perfectly usable.
9. There is too much traffic in Salem as it is. It is not necessary to proceed with this project as it will bring more trouble than good. I would suggest you fix the roads and drop the residence tax instead. That would do more good. Thank you.
10. I hope your plan is to put up barriers and protect the homes in this residential area.. We all know this could very well create A trash problem and also an invasion of privacy as this track is practically in my back yard ...I do hope you took these things into consideration when planning...I have lived here 51 yrs and have spent A lifetime picking up trash in that area

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11. This is NH, we do not want this to be like the city. Having their transits spray painted and ruined, hopefully the Mass, end can take care of their end and NH kids do not graffiti the transit. When cars come up from Mass, we have seen them dump full diapers on the ground, cigarette butts and other liter. If they want to trash it up they should go home and do that to their home, not ours!! That would be the only way we would be against this.
12.But I hate the idea of public transportation, I grew up in the city and the pollution from the buses override any savings one find on gas. I believe Salem should remain a town and the buses outside of the smells & noise would take away the last of the charm. I will never vote for it.
13. Bicycles are nice, but it would keep them off the roads for their own safety more than anything else. The sidewalks are useless and the roads deplorable. They should be the priority NOT the PATH
14. This is a bad idea. Firstly considering the economic situation in the country at this time I find it disgusting that the town and/or state would be promoting such expenditure. Obviously you people have no clue of the economic situation that is looming over our country. Secondly, you also fail to recognize that this path would be a perfect route for criminals to travel without being seen. Paths such as these are commonly used for such purposes. Breaking and entering of residences & businesses will rise as a result.
15. Too much activity in a residential section.
16. Where so many people in this area are hurting financially, we believe that the development and maintenance of this project is an expense we do not need.
17. Peace and quiet along with privacy along Old Rockingham Road has been used to the minimum. This proposal will only make matters worse.