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# An Update from the Belmont Segment

- ▶ Alewife station to Belmont segment
- ▶ Belmont Citizens Forum Parcel
- ▶ Key Easement
- ▶ Belmont Community Path Advisory Committee
- ▶ Next Steps



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- ▶ Opened September, 2012; formal dedication October, 2013
- ▶ 0.9 miles, 0.8 in Cambridge, 660 feet in Belmont
- ▶ Planned as the “Belmont extension of the Minuteman Trail” since 1993
- ▶ Now called the Fitchburg Cut-off path



# Belmont Citizens Forum Parcel

- ▶ 3560 ft by 30 ft parcel between Brighton Street and Belmont Center
- ▶ Between Fitchburg Commuter Rail ROW and Channing Road
- ▶ Possible buffer between abutters and tail on this alignment
- ▶ This alignment one of two currently under consideration by the Belmont Community Path Advisory Committee

# Easement at Brighton Street

- ▶ Squeezes past building developed on this parcel
- ▶ Chapter 40 Section 54A
- ▶ 13.8 feet wide by 750 feet long
- ▶ Easement held by DCR
- ▶ Connects to BCF parcel



# Belmont Community Path Advisory Committee

- ▶ Appointed by the Belmont Board of Selectmen to identify and evaluate possible community path alignments through Belmont to connect with the MCRT W and E of Belmont (Wayside Rail Trail and Fitchburg Cut-Off path, respectively).
- ▶ Held first meeting August 2012, have been meeting roughly twice monthly since.
- ▶ Final report this month will recommend proceeding with an engineering feasibility study evaluating two alternate routes through Belmont



# Path forward in Belmont for the Community Path/MCRT

- ▶ Optimistic view:
- ▶ Engineering feasibility study is initiated this Summer, results in selection of one route
- ▶ Proceed with 25% design
  - CPA funds +
  - Community organization funds
- ▶ Push for inclusion in Boston Metro TIP for completion of design and construction
- ▶ Overall, progress at the same pace as Wayside RT development