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**Information relative to the Ayer Rail Trail Commuter Parking and Access Improvement Project**

On April 29, 2019 construction will commence on the Ayer Rail Trail Commuter Parking and Access Improvement Project. As a result, the Ayer Rail Trail Parking Lot will be closed for construction from April 29, 2019 through December 31, 2019. This project has been in the making for over 20 years and we are finally ready to begin construction!

This closure will have an immediate impact on commuter parking availability. The parking situation in Ayer is already at a critical demand, hence the importance of this project which will add 85 more parking spaces when completed.

In an effort to mitigate these impacts, MART and the Town of Ayer will be providing very limited parking at Depot Square (approximately 30-40 spaces) on a first come, first serve basis. Additionally, MART and the Town are encouraging commuters to make alternate parking arrangements at the following MART parking facilities along the Fitchburg Rail Line: North Leominster Station at 36 Nashua Street, Leominster; Downtown Fitchburg Station, 150 Main Street, Fitchburg; Wachusett Station, 55 Authority Drive, Fitchburg. Commuters are also encouraged to contact local Ayer businesses about potential private parking arrangements.

It is important for Commuters to be aware that as of May 1, 2019, commuter parking on the residential streets of West Street, Pleasant Street, Newton Street, and Cambridge Street in the Town of Ayer will be **strictly prohibited and enforced**. This is for the benefit and quality of life of Ayer residents who live in these neighborhoods.

We realize that this construction project will create a temporary inconvenience for many commuters. However, the completion of this important project will ultimately create 85 additional parking spaces for commuters, in addition to improved, safe access to the Ayer Commuter Rail Station, along with improvements to Depot Square, including a bathroom facility.

Evening and weekend users of the Rail Trail are welcome to utilize the Depot Square Parking area, again on a first come, first serve basis.

Upon completion of the project, commuters will be charged a daily fee of \$4 per day or \$65 per month. While we recognize commuters have had the benefit of free parking for many years, we cannot continue this practice. The fees generated from parking facility will go to maintenance of this facility. This is consistent with nearly all other stops on the Fitchburg Line.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

