



Town of Belmont Historic District Commission

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY: Concord Avenue Bridge
OWNER: Town of Belmont

The Historic District Commission hereby certifies, pursuant to Chapter 40, Article 3, §40-315 of the Bylaw of the Town of Belmont and the Town Meeting Article establishing the Commission, that the construction described below is not incongruous to the historic aspects or architectural character of the building or district.

Construction of community bike path and sitting area on the Concord Avenue railroad bridge located in the Common Street Historic District. Approval is granted for a new black iron guardrail matching existing, refinishing and repairs of existing black iron guardrail, and paved asphalt bike trail with stone dust shoulder, as indicated on the 100% submittal drawings by Nitsch Engineering dated December 17, 2025. The layout of the new elements on the bridge as shown on Sheet 97 of this drawing set is approved.

Approval of new benches, unit pavers and curbing, interpretive signage, and bike racks located on the Concord Avenue bridge shall be contingent upon review and approval by a 3-person subcommittee to be designated by the Chair of the Historic District Commission. The subcommittee shall review product data and physical samples of pavers. The subcommittee shall review shop drawings, finishes, color and material samples of benches, signage and bike racks. The subcommittee may request additional illustrations of the finished appearance of the bridge before granting approval.

The addition of permanent chain link fencing on the bridge is not approved.

If work authorized by this certificate is not commenced within one (1) year after the date of issuance, this certificate shall expire and be of no further effect; provided that, for cause, one or more extensions not exceeding ninety days each may be allowed in writing by the Chair.

Attest: A true and correct copy of decision filed with the office of the City Clerk per MGL 40C §10 and the Historic District Commission on February 2, 2026.

By Carl Solander, Chair