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## **North Shore Rail Trail Safety Information**

### **Trail Update as of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

The North Shore Rail Trail is now open. There are safety measures, including safety markings and signs at every crossing that are for trail users and road traffic, as well as RRFBs (Rapid Repeating Flashing Beacons) at key crossings.

For road traffic, we have installed bike crossing signs 200 ft. out in each direction on the road as well as right before the crossing, painted bicycle crossings with graphic on the road surface in both directions and on busier crossings, added RRFBs, which are activated manually by trail users when reaching the crossing. When activated, the beacons flash to alert cars that someone wishes to cross. During this time, pedestrians/bicyclists have right-of-way. At all other times, cars have the right-of-way with pedestrians and bicyclists being required to stop, as there are inward facing STOP signs on all trail crossings. Unlike an intersection, which gives pedestrians the right-of-way in the crosswalk, the rail trail is not considered a road requiring cars to stop. It is suggested that cars do slow at the intersections in case someone is crossing, but the onus is not just put on cars in the roadway, it is also on the trail users to adhere to posted signs.



Overall safety is an important concern for the entire trail. One thing that you can do is report any overgrown or high vegetation on the crossings to our office. We will contact the appropriate authority to address the overgrowth. In this way, we can keep visibility a high priority and help keep all trail and roadway users safe. If you see anything on the trail that causes concern or needs to be addressed please contact our office. We want the trail to be enjoyed by all.

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