



TOWN OF FALMOUTH RESOLUTION

In Support of the Casco Bay Interim Rail Trail

- WHEREAS,** the Falmouth Town Council supports efforts to increase options for safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Falmouth Town Council previously supported efforts by the Maine Department of Transportation to study the potential uses of the state-owned Berlin Subdivision railroad (Resolution 15-2022); and
- WHEREAS,** the Falmouth Town Council supported the recommendation from Maine DOT's Rail Use Advisory Committee (RUAC) to create an interim bicycle and pedestrian trail along the former railroad corridor (Resolution 47-2024); and
- WHEREAS,** the Maine State Legislature and the Governor approved LD30 in 2025, which directs the Maine DOT to implement an interim bicycle and pedestrian trail; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 1, 2026, the Falmouth Town Council authorized the Town Manager to enter an Interlocal Agreement with the Casco Bay Trail Alliance and the other RUAC municipalities along the corridor; and
- WHEREAS,** the Falmouth Town Council recognizes that preliminary engineering of the segment from Portland to Yarmouth has been funded by Maine DOT for a total of \$600,000, of which 10% is required to be non-Federal local match; and
- WHEREAS,** the Falmouth Town Council recognizes that Casco Bay Trail Alliance and the four municipalities along this segment – Portland, Falmouth, Cumberland, and Yarmouth – will share in the local match equally for the segment that runs through Falmouth; and
- WHEREAS,** while construction funding for the project is not yet identified nor committed, the Falmouth Town Council understands that a local share in funding of further phases of the project would be required once engineering is completed and construction funding sources are identified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH ASSEMBLED THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 2026, THAT:

the Council supports the development of the Casco Bay Trail and agrees to commit up to \$12,000 toward the total local share of this preliminary engineering project.

Attest: _____
Ellen Planer, Town Clerk

Date: _____