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**comment for POCD on Rail Trail and bridge at Library Street**

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The POCD as a planning document contradicts Town officials' repeated public assurances that the Rail Trail will not be altered, and Dr. Klemens' assertions that the several Colliers studies only presented recommendations that P&Z was not bound to accept. In the POCD, virtually all Colliers' suggestions have been adopted for implementation, including plans to alter the Rail Trail by resurfacing it, and by transforming parts of it to service "multimodal" traffic.

Within the POCD, "multimodal" is defined as including automotive vehicles, bicycles, and foot traffic.

On pages 24, 37, 38, 58, and 67 are references to the perceived need to reconfigure the Rail Trail for "multimodal" transport. Specifically, the POCD refers to the need to provide such "multimodal" transport via the Library Street bridge in order for the Pope Property development to be viable.

However, in the recommendation sections, the project of rebuilding that bridge to handle such "multimodal" traffic is not specifically mentioned, which feels duplicitous; surely a project on which such a large housing development depends ought to be specifically identified so it can be evaluated by the public.

Please change the POCD to either acknowledge overtly the plans to alter the Rail Trail and to build a motorized-vehicle capable roadway over the bridge at Library Street, or yield to public opinion and do not include plans to alter and in effect ruin our cherished Rail Trail.

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