



FARMINGTON VALLEY TRAILS COUNCIL

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1. Bollards are a known safety risk for trail users, especially cyclists, primarily related to either poor visibility, bollards being temporarily removed leaving an exposed flange or bollards being left in the collapsed down position. Therefore, bollards should only be installed in locations where there is a strong risk of vehicles entering the trail, specifically in locations where the roadway and trail entrance could get misconstrued by a motorist.
2. All bollards should be yellow, foldable, and be a minimum of 36 inches high. They should fold away from the road. See example in **Illustration 1**.
3. Any remaining existing bollards should be painted optic yellow and have a vertical reflective stripe on each side.
4. There should be 6 feet of yellow reflective paint center line striping on both sides of the adjacent pavement with a surrounding diamond around the bollard to serve as an alert for the upcoming hazard. See example in **Illustration 2**.
5. Bollards should be placed in a way that would allow ADA appropriate access for all users of our trails (a 43-inch minimum clearance on either side of the bollard) to accommodate wheelchairs, trailers, trikes, and recumbent bikes. There should be only one centrally located bollard per location per guidance from the AASHTO Bike and Pedestrian Manual. Double bollards create an exponential safety risk.
6. Exposed flanges are a hazard to both cyclists and pedestrians. Therefore, collapsible, and removable bollards should always be replaced into the upright position as soon as possible, and a hazard cone should be placed at the location for the brief period that they are lowered down.
7. “No Motor Vehicle Access.” signs should be placed at all trail entrances.
8. FVTC can provide additional specific recommendations for each community along our corridor of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail and the Farmington River Trail, focusing on where bollards and gates should be removed or upgraded.

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Illustration #1

<https://www.trafficguard.net/security-bollards/collapsible-bollards/two-way-collapsible-bollard-36-2636>



Illustration #2

