

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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Addison County Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) **FY 2022 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STUDY REQUEST FORM**

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) is preparing to submit its FY 2022 (Oct. 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022) Transportation Planning Initiative (TPI) Workplan and Budget. The TPI is designed to foster greater involvement in the transportation planning process by local citizens and officials. Each year, the ACRPC sets aside a portion of the annual TPI funding received to hire consultants to perform various transportation studies in the county on behalf of our member municipalities, a consortium of municipalities, or a regional organization. Grant awards are contingent on ACRPC receiving funding from VTrans.

Do you have a transportation or traffic-related problem affecting your community? The TAC is requesting a list of transportation planning studies to fund in Addison County. (Note: these funds **cannot** be used for construction projects.) The TAC will evaluate all requests at their meeting to be held on October 20, 2021. Please be prepared, at the TAC's request, to have a representative make a short presentation at that TAC meeting. Thank you for taking the time to help us develop our priorities for future transportation studies and projects. To apply, please provide the following information. Use extra sheets as necessary.

Description of Problem: *The sidewalk from West Street to the Mount Abe High School and recreation fields abruptly ends at Airport Drive. There is not a safe place for students and visitors to walk to these heavily-used facilities except along the uneven edge of the road.*

Description of Planning Study: *Scoping study of conditions and constraints; review of options; development of a design plan that could be bid for construction.*

Expected Benefits of Planning Study: *Improved safety for students, visitors, and patrons of the recreation facilities; expansion of Bristol's highly-valued sidewalk network in the village.*

Amount Requested: +/- \$20,000 (Note: We have \$40,000 available and usually fund 2-3 projects)

Please sign & return this Request Form by **Monday September 3, 2022** to your TAC delegate or to:

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Below are some examples of transportation planning studies that have recently been funded:

- 2021 - Orwell stormwater management planning for salt and sand storage.
- 2021 - Bristol intersection assessment for VT116, Lincoln Rd., and Briggs Hill Rd.
- 2020 - Lincoln realignment of South Lincoln Road
- 2020 - Bristol evaluating options to improve pedestrian access from Lovers Land to Airport Dr.
- 2020 - Salisbury evaluating traffic control option at the intersection of Rt. 53 and Upper Plains Rd.



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- 2019 – Ripton repair/replacement options for Old Town Rd Bridge
- 2019 – Monkton intersection alternatives for Monkton Ridge Rd. & States Prison Hollow Rd.
- 2018 – Vergennes Rt22A truck traffic reduction study
- 2018 – Middlebury rail platform siting study
- 2017 - Salisbury village lighting & sidewalk study
- 2017 - Lincoln Gap Road winter access study
- 2016 - Middlebury Creek Road erosion stability study
- 2016 - Addison County Regional Transportation Plan update
- 2016 - ACTR transit hub relocation configuration alternatives study
- 2015 – Middlebury traffic calming study
- 2014 – Ripton – Old Center Turnpike right of way research
- 2014 – Ripton – Baker Bridge safety functional assessment

****NOTE: A Feasibility Study or Conceptual Alignment Analysis (CAA) for a town bicycle path, multi-use path, recreational path or sidewalk will qualify as a transportation planning study**

The Town of Bristol (Municipality of / Agency / Organization, etc.) is interested in applying for funding under the Addison County Regional Planning Commission TAC grant program.



Signature of Agency, Organizational, or Municipal Official

Valerie Capels, Town Administrator

08/27/2021

Position / Title

Date

townadmin@bristolvt.org, (802) 453-2410 ext. 1

Contact Information (Telephone / E-Mail)

In the case that a municipality is applying for this grant, or the proposal lies entirely within one municipality, the applicant hereby represents that the Selectboard of the Town of ~~City~~ Bristol supports this proposal. Voted at their 08/23/2021 meeting.



Description of Problem: The sidewalk from West Street to the Mount Abe High School and recreation fields abruptly ends at Airport Drive. There is not a safe place for students and visitors to walk to these heavily-used facilities except either in the road, along the uneven edge of the road, or in the muddy grass alongside the road. In addition to sports events, the recreation fields are used for numerous community events throughout the year.

Description of Planning Study: We would like to have a scoping study done of the conditions and constraints and development of alternative options for construction of a new sidewalk. There are very few environmental features and it is mostly flat. Likely considerations will be rights-of-way, drainage, and utilities. If resources allow, the final product would be a sidewalk design plan and cost estimates that could be used either to apply for grant funding or could be built with local funds.

Expected Benefits of Planning Study: A product that will enable the Town to construct a new sidewalk to improved safety for students, visitors, and patrons of the recreation facilities and expand Bristol's highly-valued sidewalk network in the village.



Figure 1. Aerial view of West Street at Airport Drive that clearly shows where the sidewalk ends (2021).



Figure 2. Airport Drive where the sidewalk ends, looking northward (02/27/2018).



Figure 3. Airport Drive provides access to the Mount Abe Union High School, Bristol Rec Field, American Legion, Bristol Hub Teen Center, and other public facilities (02/27/2018).



Figure 4. Jogger on Airport Drive near athletic fields and adjacent asphalt sidewalk (02/27/2018).



Figure 5. Edge of Airport Drive near adjacent asphalt sidewalk. Notice the footprints in the mud along the edge (02/27/2018).