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.

Town of Ripton FY 2022 Transportation Planning Study Request

Description of Problem: The 2008 Middlebury River Corridor Plan prepared for the ACRPC identified Old Town Rd (aka Old Centre Turnpike) as a route between Ripton and Middlebury in case of a catastrophic washout of Route 125. A 2014 report funded by a TAC grant determined that the Old Center Turnpike was never legally discontinued. It was added to the Town Highway Map with its current name, Old Town Road, in 2015. At the east end 0.10 mile is a class 3 road with a bridge that was the subject of a 2019 TAC study report. Heading west 1.61 mile in Ripton is a class 4 road, as is all of the Middlebury portion. Less than half of the class 4 portion in Ripton is passable. In its current condition it can not serve as a route for emergency vehicles.

Description of Planning Study: The study is to determine how to upgrade the class 4 portion of the road for emergency and future use. It will make recommendations about the road location within the right-of-way, the relation to utility line rights-of-way, and a termination point in Middlebury.

Expected Benefits of Planning Study: The study builds upon past work to preserve and utilize Old Town Road/Old Centre Turnpike and prepare for storm events. Maintaining an east-west corridor to and from Middlebury is of regional importance. Maintaining a transportation corridor after washouts on Route 125 is of great local significance to the Ripton community.

Amount Requested: $15,000.00 (any amount is appreciated)
2019 - Ripton repair/replacement options for Old Town Rd Bridge
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**

**TOWN OF Ripton** (Municipality of / Agency / Organization, etc.) is interested in applying for funding under the Addison County Regional Planning Commission TAC grant program.

[Signature]
Signature of Agency, Organizational, or Municipal Official

[Position / Title]  
[SEPT. 3, 2021]
Date

[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 or City of **Ripton** supports this proposal.