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REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
FY 2027 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
STUDY REQUEST FORM

Do you have a transportation or traffic-related problem affecting your community? The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) 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 regularly scheduled August meeting. 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.

Projects will be funded through the Transportation Planning Initiative (TPI). ACRPC is preparing to submit its FY 2027 (Oct. 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027) 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.

Please return this Request Form to your TAC delegate or to ACRPC by **Tuesday August 11, 2026**

For questions, additional information, or to submit an application contact:

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Examples of transportation planning studies:

Intersection studies
Road realignment studies
Feasibility assessment for sidewalks and bicycle infrastructure
Conceptual design for new infrastructure
Asset management plans
Infrastructure siting assessments

Description of Problem:

Bristol needs a downtown access study covering four equal priorities: lower posted speeds, traffic calming, access management, and pedestrian safety. VT Routes 17 and 116 run concurrently through the village as West, Main, and East Streets, carrying about 4,500 vehicles/day (2024 AADT) plus trucks at a posted 30 mph through a compact, high pedestrian-activity center. The Town seeks a 25 mph limit through the core (and below 25 mph in the designated Downtown Development District under 23 V.S.A. Sec. 1007(g)), which requires a Sec. 1007 engineering and traffic investigation the Town does not have. Study area: four gateways off the main intersection - West St just before Airport Dr, East St just after the Lord's Prayer Rock, North St just before Pine St, and South St after the Hewitt Road bridge. Documented conditions: jaywalking and pedestrian-vehicle conflicts, eastbound queuing at the main intersection, 12 crashes (Aug 2020-July 2025) at side-street and driveway conflict points, and unmanaged access (e.g., Champlain Farms). Builds on but does not duplicate the July 2026 West Street Sidewalk Scoping Study (south-side sidewalk design only).

Desired Outcomes of Planning Study:

Deliverables across four co-equal priorities: (1) Speed reduction - a Sec. 1007 engineering and traffic investigation sufficient to support a 25 mph posted limit (and below 25 mph in the designated Downtown Development District under Sec. 1007(g)). (2) Traffic calming - state-highway-compatible concepts (gateway treatments, curb extensions, chicanes, enhanced/raised crossings) at the four gateways and the main intersection. (3) Access management - curb-cut and driveway assessment on all four legs with consolidation concepts (Champlain Farms), an intersection and circulation review, and a downtown parking inventory and turnover analysis. (4) Pedestrian safety - crossing and conflict-point assessment (Champlain Farms, main intersection, transit stops, North St destinations) with conceptual improvements, plus a bicycle and transit connectivity review.

Expected Benefits of Planning Study/ Next Steps Anticipated:

Delivers all four priorities together: the engineering basis to lower the posted limit to 25 mph (below 25 downtown); calming that makes lower speeds real; access management that cuts driveway and curb-cut conflict; and safer crossings. Positions Bristol for construction funding (VTrans Bicycle & Pedestrian, Transportation Alternatives, Downtown Transportation Fund, Better Places, VTrans Safety) and advances Town Plan walkability and safety goals. Bristol first sought this study in its FY2025 Village Traffic & Speed Study request (not funded); the completed West Street study and defined four-gateway scope make this request stronger.

Amount Requested: $30,000 (Note: We expect to have $50 to 60,000 available and usually fund 2-3 projects)

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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

Selectboard Chair August 11, 2026

Position / Title Date

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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 Bristol supports this proposal.