

2023 VTrans Small Scale Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Application

1. Project Title: VT Route 12, Cox Brook Road, Gould Road Pedestrian Safety Improvements
2. Applicant Name(s): Town of Northfield
3. Project Contact Info:
 - a. Name: Jeff Schulz
 - b. Mailing Address: 51 South Main Street
 - c. Town: Northfield
 - d. Zip Code: 05663
 - e. Email Address: jschulz@northfield.vt.us
 - f. Phone Number: (802) 485-9822

4. Fiscal Information:

- a. Accounting System Automated Manual Combination
- b. Unique Entity Identifier # M5NAM8U8HK59
- c. Fiscal Year End Month June

5. RPC(s) Central VT RPC

RPC Notified about this application? YES

6. Project Description: Please give a brief description of the project (100 words or less.) Detailed information should be submitted as part of addressing the selection criteria. Be sure to include identifying streets or landmarks served by the proposed project.

The proposed project is for the Town of Northfield to install pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of VT Route 12, Cox Brook Road, Gould Road consisting of rapid rectangle flashing beacons and 65 feet of new ADA compliant concrete sidewalks with granite curbing.

7. **TOTAL SMALL-SCALE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION** \$ 32,780

AMOUNT APPLIED FOR (including 50% local share)

Note: Maximum of \$150,000 (\$75,000 state/

\$75,000 local)

2023 VTrans Small Scale Bicycle/Pedestrian Grant Program – Criteria Template

Applicant Name: Town of Northfield

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Application Checklist

Make sure everything is included and pages numbered.

(1) Project Application Form (separate PDF file)

All other materials noted below to be provided in the same order as below.

(2) Project Map(s)

(3) Project Evaluation Criteria Documentation (complete following questionnaire)

(4) Budget support information (e.g. detailed cost estimate)

(5) Project area photographs (minimum of two current photos)

(6) Notify your Regional Planning Commission

(7) Current letter of support from the municipal governing body acknowledging their willingness to provide the local match and future maintenance responsibility

(8) Documentation of contact with VTrans District office if project is on the state highway system

SMALL SCALE BIKE/PED PROJECTS

1. **Community Need—20 Points:** What walking and/or bicycling access or safety problem are you trying to solve? Describe the length and/or type of facility being proposed. What key destinations will be served by this project? Describe the project area and how the proposed project will improve conditions. If proposing an improvement to an existing pedestrian crossing, is the improvement one of the measures identified in the FHWA STEP initiative (https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/step/resources/)?

If applying for a specific pedestrian crossing improvement, such as Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, be sure to include information such as the posted speed, traffic volumes and other factors that support the need for these devices. See the VTrans Ped Crossing Guide for technical guidance - <https://tinyurl.com/ped-crossing-guide>.

The Town of Northfield proposes to install pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of VT Route 12, Cox Brook Road and Gould Road consisting of rapid rectangle flashing beacons (RRFB) and 65 feet of new ADA compliant concrete sidewalks with granite curbing. A project location map is included in this application. Cox Brook Road is a Class 2 Town Highway that connects Northfield (through Berlin) to Moretown. In addition, within 200 feet of the intersection on Cox Brook is the first of three covered bridges that at various times bring many visitors on bike and walking to the area. Gould Road is a Class 3 Town Highway that connects from Route 12 to the Northfield Falls Post Office, the Northfield Falls Neighborhood, and the Falls Park/ Recreation Field.

VAOT 2021 traffic data shows that Route 12 from this intersection to the former Village line in Northfield had an ADDT of 4041 vehicles and the speed limited at the intersection is 35 mph. The Route 12 alignment from the North heading towards the intersection includes a curve that somewhat limits visibility for motorist and pedestrians approaching and within the intersection. In addition, Cox Brook Road and Gould Road do not properly align at Route 12 as there is about a 10 -foot offset in the alignment.

During a recent Select Board meeting in which the Board approved the local project match for this project, over 40 Northfield residents attended the meeting and spoke (with much passion) about their safety concerns on Route 12 at this intersection, and in support of the proposed improvements. In addition, after the Board approved the local match for the project, the residents gave the Board a strong and supportive ovation.

Further, the proposed pedestrian safety and enhancement improvements are in an area the Town has a vision to enhance and support, and in which the Town recently received Village Center Designation. The basis for this vision, which includes a call for pedestrian improvements in this area (especially at this intersection) is well documented in studies and planning documents. The Town Plan, and the Northfield Ridge and River Routes Master Plan cite a lack of pedestrian infrastructure on Route 12 in the Northfield Falls Area, and specifically recommend adding enhanced pedestrian measures at the intersection of Route 12, Cox Brook Road, and Gould Road.

The above factors, the project on a state road connecting to a Class Two Town Highway, a populated area, an area with relatively high traffic volumes, a tourist area, public support, and poor road and intersection alignments, creates a clear and convincing need for the project. These improvements will encourage walkability in the Northfield Falls and ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists at the intersection.

12-20 Points – Project completes a missing gap in a pedestrian or bicycling network and serves obvious bike/ped generators.

6-11 Points – Reconstruction of important facility in a local network.

0-5 Points – Unclear how proposed facility contributes to a network or solves a safety problem

Higher scores are given for quantifiable evidence of safety issues or documented deficiencies such as ADA compliance, demonstration of facility as high need via planning documents or connecting segments of an existing network, and increasing access to destinations and/or areas of denser land use.

2. Project Budget—10 Points: Describe how the project construction budget was developed. Provide detailed budget backup if available.

The total estimated project cost is \$32,780 and the Town Select Board has approved using municipal funds for the local match. A copy of the Select Board minutes approving the local match is included in this grant application.

The RRFB system will cost \$8,655 and a copy of the quote is included in this application. As an aside, in 2019, the Town purchased and installed this unit RRFB system in the Downtown on Main Street and is very pleased with the unit as it has increased pedestrian safety and requires minimal maintenance.

The proposed sidewalk and curbing consist of 65 feet of concrete sidewalk and granite curbing with ADA accessibility features. The sidewalk and curbing estimate cost is based on \$325 per foot and was developed using VAOT's 2020 share path report and updated numbers.

Project Budget

RRFB System	\$8,655
Sidewalk and curbing	\$21,125
Contingency/Painting	<u>\$3,000</u>
Project Cost	\$32,780

6-10 Points – Cost is consistent with bid history on similar projects and/or detailed backup information provided

0-5 Points – Cost is significantly less than similar projects or no detail provided

Higher scores are given for detailed project budgets that are realistic and have adequate backup.

3. **Complexity—10 points:** Is the project straightforward and easy to implement? Is it within existing highway right of way? Do you anticipate the need for any environmental permits? Are there design challenges like structures or new subsurface drainage?

The project size and scope is fairly small in that it involves the two posts for the RRFB system, the painted crosswalk and 65 feet of sidewalk and curb with ADA ramps. The proposed improvements are located within the State of Vermont Right of Way within an area which is flat and will require minimal site work. We do not anticipate a need for any environmental permits or any subsurface drainage issues.

6-10 Points – Project likely to be within existing town highway right of way. Little or no technical challenges

0-5 Points – Project is in VTrans Right of Way or needs additional rights. Historic resources impacted. Technical difficulties such as structures or drainage required.

Higher scores for fewer complexities and likelihood that project can be built within existing highway right of way.

4. **Project coordination – 5 points:** To your knowledge, are there other state or local projects in the same area that might impact the project timeline and schedule for completion? Is the project on a state-maintained route?

The State of Vermont plans to pave Route 12 from Montpelier to the former Village line in Northfield with an anticipated start date of Summer, 2024. The Town's proposed project, with the exception of the painted crosswalk, should have no impact on the paving project which is a mill and pave project. The Town will coordinate with VAOT to ensure no interference on the State's paving project.

The Town has notified both the VT Central Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) and the VAOT District Office of the Town's grant application. A copy of the notice to the District Coordinator and a project letter of support from CVRPC are included with this grant application. In addition, the Town has been working with CVRPC, and more recently with VTrans representatives Jon Kaplan and Ian Degutis, to review/study the intersection and to develop options for the best approach to adding pedestrian safety features. Included in this application is a sketch prepared by Jon Kaplan showing the general location of the proposed rapid rectangle flashing beacons and new sidewalks with curbs.

Higher score for no conflicting projects, lower score for several coordination needs.

5. Project Commitment—10 Points: Describe your plan for keeping this project moving forward. How does this project rank as a priority within the community?

The project will be managed by the Town Manager with assistance of the Utility Superintendent. The Town Manager has over 27 years of municipal experience with 18 as a Town Manager. The Town Manager has managed numerous infrastructure projects, most recently the installation of 2200 feet of replacement and upgrade of sidewalks on Main Street, 1500 feet of new sidewalk on Central Street, a large stormwater and CSO abatement project and bridge projects.

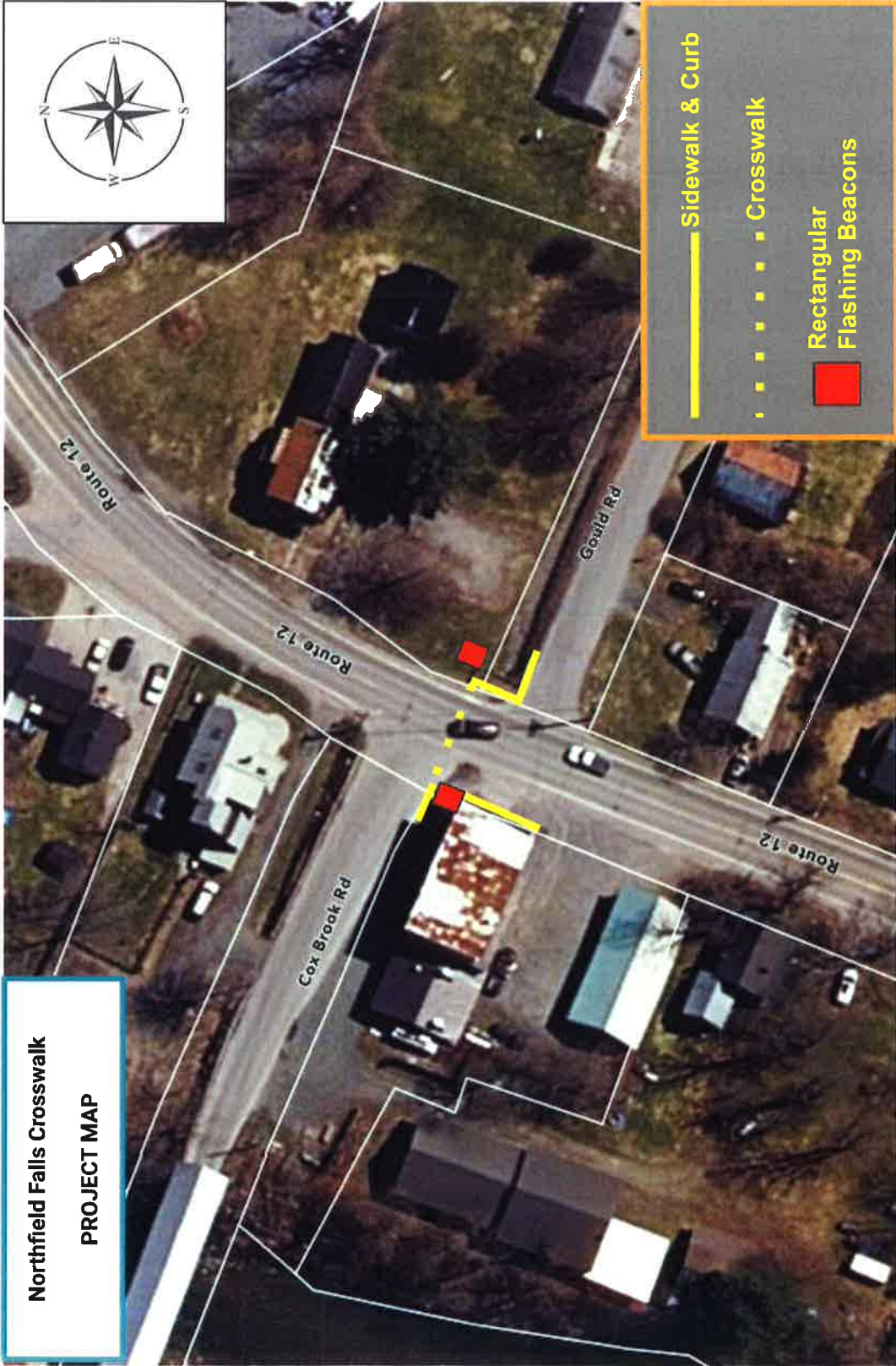
A standard project schedule and checklist will be created for the project to include: obtain permits, bid the sidewalk and curb work, select contractor, purchase the RRFB system, pre-construction meeting with contractor and VAOT District Coordinator, notice to adjacent property owners, public announcements on project, project oversight, final project closeout and grant reporting to State.

The Select Board has approved the local match for the project and is committed to the long-term maintenance of the RRFB system and sidewalks. The Town is very committed to this project based on the Select Board listing it as one of its top goals/priorities over the next 16 months. The Select Board's list of goals are included in this application.

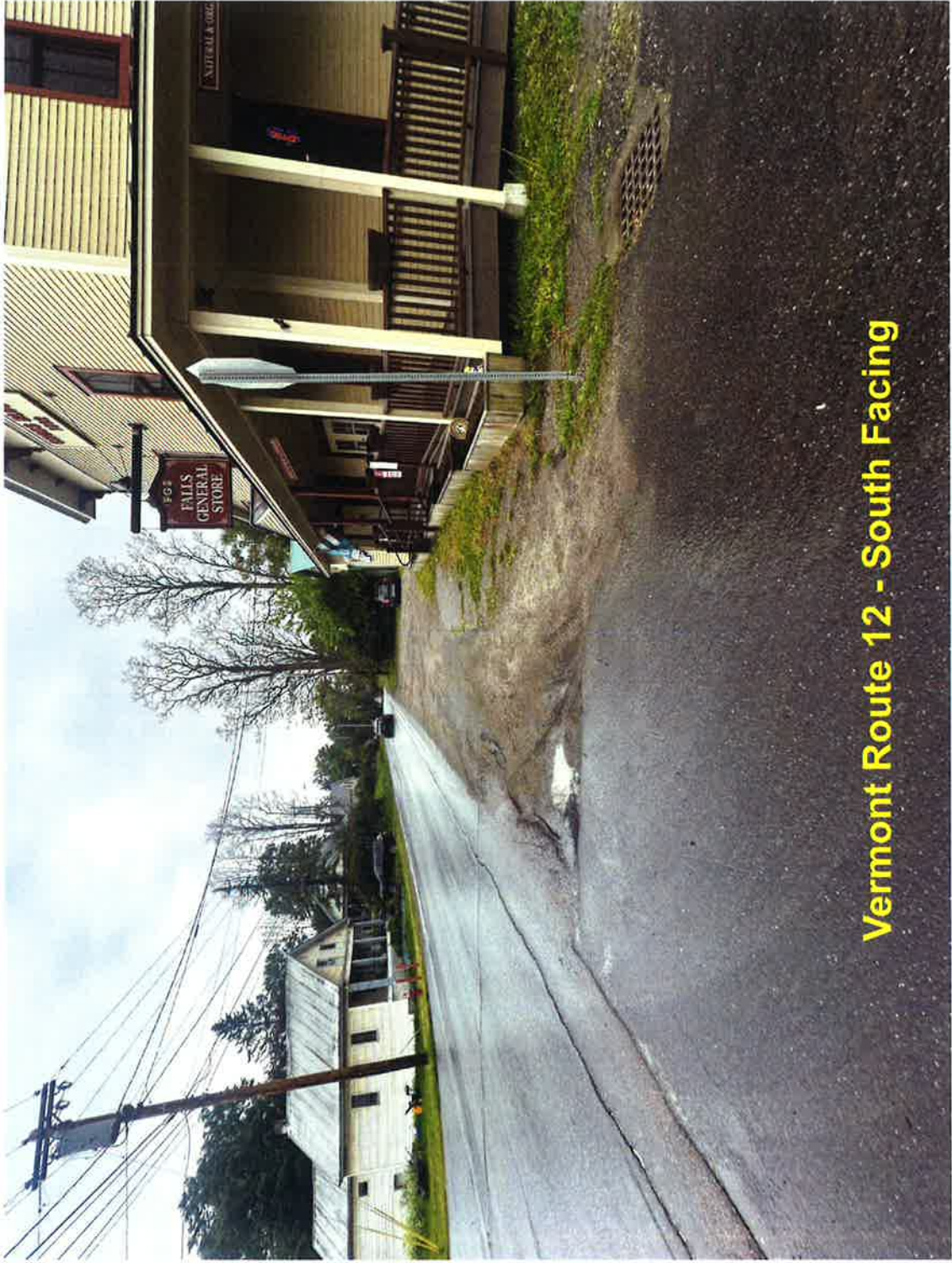
6-10 Points – A specific plan for managing the project is outlined clearly with responsible party identified.

0-5 Points – Plan for managing the project is missing or not specific.

Higher scores for identification of a plan for managing the project and clear indication of priority. Lower score for vague or ill-defined management plan.







Vermont Route 12 - South Facing

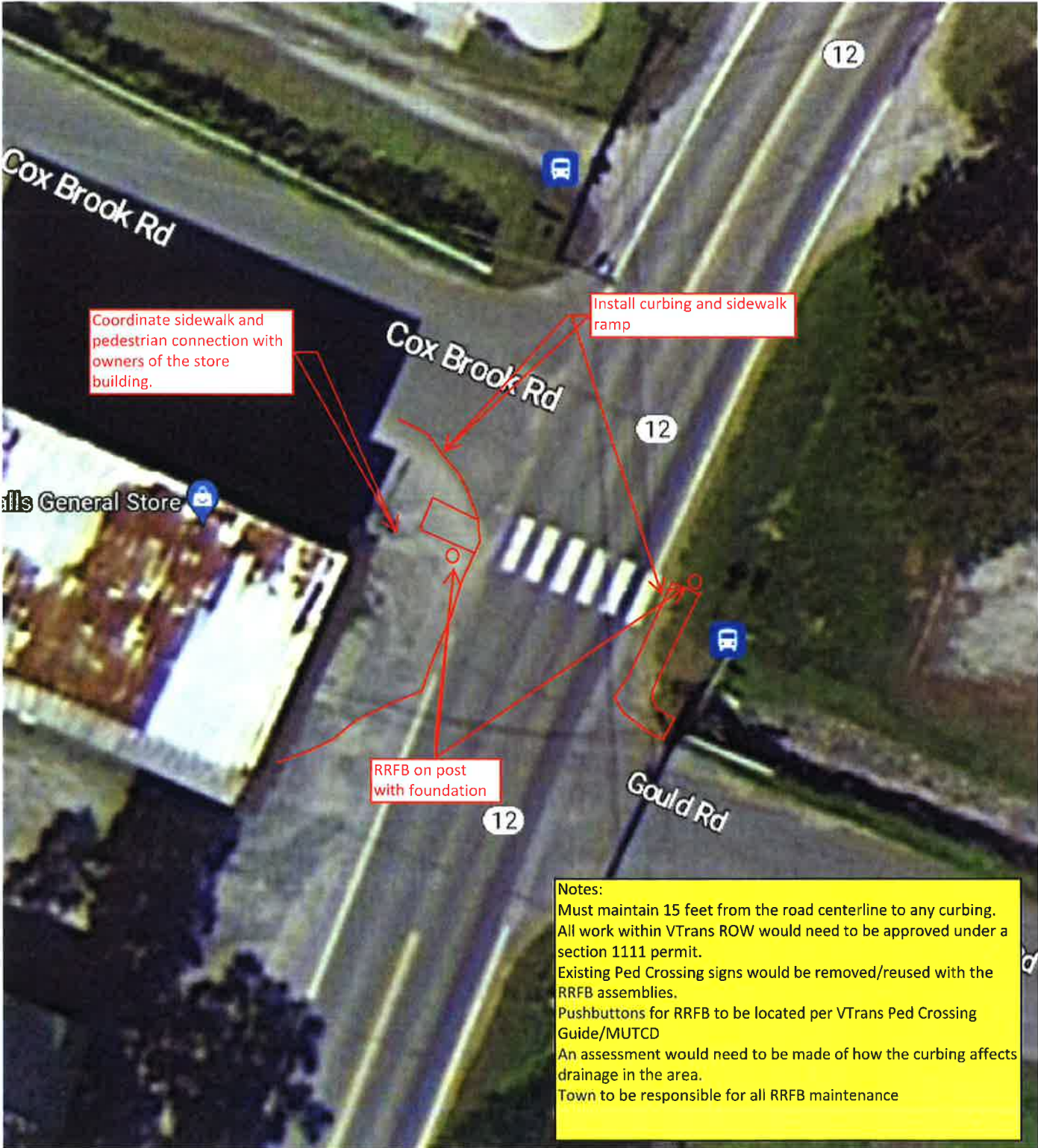


Cox Brook Rd from VT Route 12 - West Facing



Gould Rd from VT Route 12 - East Facing

Sketch by Jon Kaplan, P.E. - Northfield Falls
concept for RRFBs at existing crosswalk.
3/13/23





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65W RRFB	BEST RATE Quoted	Net 30 DAYS	Nicholas Ugliarolo	7/6/2023

Item/Description	U/M	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
030-00006 Washer Flat 1-1/16"ID x2.5OD"x.125" Galvanized For 1" A/B, for use w/ J-bolts (not incl)	Each	4	3.97	15.88
3200-0000 FREIGHT SALES		1	700.00	700.00

Furnish only quote. Installation is not included.
Solar powered equipment requires no shading or obstructions
Thank you - Nicholas Ugliarolo at TAPCO
nicholas.ugliarolo@tapconet.com Cell: 862-777-2681

Subtotal:	8654.90
Invoice Discount:	0.00
Total Sales Tax:	0.00
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Item/Description	U/M	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
600147 RRFB, Solar 65/50, Radio, SOP, DS, Amber, PB, H Pole X2	Each	1	6,033.00	6,033.00
373-05075 W11-2,30"x30"x.080 DG3 FYG,Pedestrian Crossing (Symbol) Fed Spec - Fluorescent Yellow-Green Sign	Each	4	93.75	375.00
373-01759 W16-7PL,24"x12"x.080 DG3 FYG,Down Diagonal Left Arrow (Fed Spec) Sign	Each	2	35.96	71.92
373-01757 W16-7PR,24"x12"x.080 DG3 FYG,Down Diagonal Right Arrow (Fed Spec) Sign	Each	2	35.96	71.92
107265 Sign Mounting Kit, Banded, Flared Leg, Standard For Mounting B2B Static Signs to a Large Pole	Each	4	34.50	138.00
373-13 Standard Aluminum Pole, 13' Schedule 40 6061-T6 4.5" O.D. T.O.E.	Each	2	292.50	585.00
203-00014 Base,Aluminum Square Pedestal, No Paint Door, SP-5444-PNC	Each	2	251.25	502.50
3177-00042 J-Bolt,1"x 42"+4" ATSM F1554 GR-105 92k 12" Thread Full Galvanized with Nut & Lock Washer	Each	4	40.42	161.68

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51 SOUTH MAIN STREET
NORTHFIELD, VERMONT 05663

June 5, 2023

Kevin Gadapee
District Transportation Administrator
Vermont Agency of Transportation
2178 Airport Road, Unit A
Berlin, VT 05641

Re: VAOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Grant – Pedestrian Improvements - Intersection of VT Route 12 and Cox Brook Road

Dear Mr. Gadapee,

This letter is to notify you that the Town of Northfield is submitting a VAOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Application for the installation pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of VT Route 12 and Cox Brook consisting of two rapid rectangle flashing beacons and new ADA compliant sidewalks with curbing. Because this section of Route 12 is State owned and maintained, we are notifying of the project application and are seeking your comments. Further, we understand that if the Town receives grant funding and elects to move forward with the project, we will need to obtain all necessary permits including an 1111 permit.

Please note that over the past year or so, we have been working with the Central VT Planning Regional Commission, and more recently with VTrans representatives Jon Kaplan and Ian Degutis, to review/study the intersection and to develop options for the best approach to adding pedestrian safety features. Attached is a sketch prepared by Jon Kaplan showing the proposed rapid rectangle flashing beacons and new sidewalks with curbs.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeff Schulz, Northfield Town Manager
802-485-9822

Jeff Schulz

From: Gadapee, Kevin <Kevin.Gadapee@vermont.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 8:13 AM
To: Jeff Schulz
Cc: Gadapee, Kevin; Redmond, Michelle
Subject: RE: Vtrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Grant Application - VT Route 12 and Cox Brook Road - Two Rapid Rectangle Flashing Beacons and new ADA compliant sidewalks with curb

Mr. Schulz,

Thank you for your email and sharing your planned project. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if I can support your project in any way.

Good luck!!
-Kevin

Kevin Gadapee | Capital region DTA
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From: Jeff Schulz <jschulz@northfield.vt.us>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 5:36 PM
To: Gadapee, Kevin <Kevin.Gadapee@vermont.gov>
Subject: Vtrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Grant Application - VT Route 12 and Cox Brook Road - Two Rapid Rectangle Flashing Beacons and new ADA compliant sidewalks with curb

EXTERNAL SENDER: Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.

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I apologize for the unsigned letter; we are currently having printer and scanning issues.

Thank you!

Jeff

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June 7, 2023

Peter Pochop | Project Manager
Project Delivery Bureau - Municipal Assistance
219 North Main Street, Barre VT 05641
802-477-3123

Re: Letter of Support – VAOT **Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Grant**

Dear Mr. Pochop,

This letter is to express the Northfield Select Board's strong support for the Town of Northfield's VAOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Application to install pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Route 12 and Cox Brook consisting of two rapid rectangle flashing beacons and new ADA compliant sidewalks with curbing.

The Select Board supports this project based on several important factors. First, this project is in keeping with the Town of Northfield's continued vision and commitment to develop and enhance its pedestrian network with a goal of encouraging walkability and ensuring safe passage for its residents and the many visitors to the community. Over the past ten years, the Town has completed many major sidewalk projects, including: the upgrade/replacement of all sidewalks within and around Northfield's Downtown Common, the upgrade/replacement of sidewalks along the Mayo Block, Northfield Savings Bank, East Street and the Northfield Municipal Offices, the construction of 1800 feet of new sidewalk along Central Street, and the replacement and upgrade of 2,200 feet of sidewalk on Main Street.

The proposed pedestrian safety and enhancement improvements are in an area where the Town has a vision to enhance and support. In addition, the Town recently received a Village Center Designation for this area. The basis for this vision, which includes a call for pedestrian improvements in this area (especially at this Route 12 intersection) is well documented in past studies and planning documents. The Town Plan and the Northfield Ridge and River Routes Master Plan cite a lack of pedestrian infrastructure on Route 12 in the Northfield Falls Area, and specifically recommends adding enhanced pedestrian measures at the intersection of Route 12, Cox Brook Road, and Gould Road.

Finally, during a recent Select Board meeting in which the Board approved the local project match for this project, over 40 Northfield residents attended the meeting and spoke (with much passion) about their safety concerns on Route 12 in this area and in support of the proposed improvements. In addition, after the Board approved the local match for the project, the residents gave the Board a strong and supportive ovation.

Thank you for your consideration of Northfield's Pedestrian Grant Application.

Sincerely,

K. David Maxwell, Chair Northfield Select Board

Cc: Northfield Select Board

Medium-Term Community Goals (2-3 years)

1. **Update the Community Room.** Manager Schulz said some minor improvements have already been made, such as improved lighting, but we will need to develop plans for major renovations.
2. **Removal of Cross Brothers Dam.** The Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC) has been leading this effort and Manager Schulz reported the funding needed for this project now seems to be falling in place. He believes it now is possible the dam removal can be completed within the next year. Board member Petty would like improved river access and perhaps a new parklet included as part of this project.
3. **Comprehensive Study of all Covered Bridges.** The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) will be providing grant funds that will be used to rehabilitate the covered bridges on Cox Brook Road. This will facilitate creating this study.
4. **Develop Vacant Lands on and near School Property for Affordable Housing.** Mr. Davis is working on this possibility under the aegis of the Housing Task Force.
5. **Install Additional Structural Improvements to Slaughterhouse Road Covered Bridge.** Manager Schulz noted this bridge did have structural improvements last summer to bring its maximum weight limit back to 16,000 lbs. He will be looking for additional grant opportunities to fund additional improvements.
6. **Begin Engineering and Planning for Upgrade to Municipal Sewer Plant.** Manager Schulz said this work will need to begin soon in order to meet ANR deadlines for upgrades required to meet new state and federal wastewater standards.
7. **Consider Hiring a Part-time Recreation Coordinator.** Manager Schulz feels there will have to be a full discussion of the long-term costs of creating this new municipal position. Perhaps this will occur during the next budget process.
8. **Explore and Seek Opportunities for Public/Private Development.** Manager Schulz believes Mr. Davis has been working on this on a regular basis as this is considered one of his position's major responsibilities.

Long-Term Goals (4 Years Plus)

1. **Extend Municipal Sewer to Northfield Falls.** See below.
2. **Extend the Sidewalk along Route 12 to Northfield Falls.** See below.
3. **Extend the Sidewalk to the South along Route 12 and 12A.** See below.
4. **New Location for Municipal Building.** See below.

Chair Maxwell said each of these long-term goals will require extensive planning due to the great time and expense involved. These items also have been under discussion at the recent Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) community forums. It will be interesting to see what recommendations are made when the final report is issued later this year. He then thanked Manager Schulz for providing this update and said there probably should be another in a few months. Board member Morse said any new progress on these goals also could be included in the tickler file.

- d. **Northfield Falls Pedestrian Safety Improvements.** As indicated above, this matter was thoroughly discussed at the last regular meeting. CVRPC consultant Keith Cubbon then provided a \$60,000 estimate to install sidewalk and a flashing crosswalk sign. Manager Schulz felt this was a little high so he did his own research. He believes \$40,000 is a more accurate figure. This would break down to \$30,000 for the new sidewalk and \$10,000 for the new signage. There is a VTrans Bicycle & Pedestrian grant opportunity that could provide about half of this amount. The application deadline is June 9, 2023, and he felt it was important to identify the source of the local match amount in the documentation. Chair Maxwell believes it should be possible to find \$20,000 in the current budget for this purpose. Board member Petty suggested ARPA funds could be used if necessary. If the VTrans grant is successful, it might be possible to complete the project before the end of this calendar year. Board member Shernock believes there was significant public support for using ARPA funds to install pedestrian safety improvements, especially in Northfield Falls. Motion by Board member Morse, seconded by Board member Shernock, to authorize the use of existing municipal funds to provide matching grant funds in order to install pedestrian safety improvements in Northfield Falls. Board member Petty said if the grant application was unsuccessful, she would not oppose using ARPA funds to pay for the entire project in order to get it completed sooner rather than later. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

Priority Number	Select Board Short Term Goals (16 months)	Status
1.	Review and Update Municipal Policies	
2.	Establish a Local Housing Task Force	
3.	Develop Welcome Packet for New Committee Members	
4.	Add Northfield Representation on Central Vermont Regional Planning Transportation Advisory Committee	
5.	Employee Succession Plan	
6.	Electronic Tickler File	
7.	Rehabilitation of Fountain on the Common	
8.	Address Municipal Building Deferred Maintenance Issues	
9.	Refine Town Policy for Road Discontinuance Process	
10.	Install Pedestrian Safety Measures at the Intersection of Route 12 and Cox Brook Road	
11.	Install EV Charging Stations in Downtown Area	
12.	Develop Sidewalk Inventory and Plan for Sidewalk Replacement	
13.	Purchase Emergency Generators for Police Station and Ambulance Bay	
14.	Construct Seasonal RV Site, Bike Campground and Showers at Memorial Park	
15.	Replace Main Street Water Line	
16.	Develop a Policy and Maintenance Plan of Municipal Parks	
17.	Discussion of Policy and MOU for Campus Guidelines & Responsibilities between Norwich University and Northfield Municipal Departments	
18.	Develop a Plan to Address Northfield PD Dispatching Issue	
19.	Comprehensive Study of Northfield Electric System	
20.	Explore Options for Screening of Junk Vehicles	
21.	Complete Engineering Plans and Obtain funding for Extension of Municipal Sewer on Route 12 and 12A	



June 1, 2023

Peter Pochop, Project Manager
VTrans Municipal Assistance Section
Vermont Agency of Transportation
219 North Main Street
Barre, VT 05641

Dear Peter Pochop,

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is pleased to support the Town of Northfield's application for VTrans 2023 Bike and Pedestrian Program funding. It is our understanding that the Town will initiate the design/construction for installation of two Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons with the necessary sidewalk infrastructure to meet ADA compliance at the Northfield Falls crosswalk.

The Regional Plan, encourages improving pedestrian network safety while increasing the links between residential neighborhoods with commercial destinations and other areas of interest. The following regional policies are directly relevant to the development of this project:

- Integrate modes of travel in order to allow for their most effective use and ultimately reduce dependence on single occupant vehicles, including:
 - Ensure adequate mobility for all segments of the population, including residents who cannot or do not use private automobiles.
- Encourage traffic calming efforts to minimize conflicts between traffic and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Promote projects that limit the conflicts between the motor vehicle traffic stream, pedestrians, and the rail system.

For the reasons listed above, the planned improvements for pedestrian safety and connectivity, the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is pleased to support this project.

Sincerely,

Keith Cubbon

Keith Cubbon, Planner