



## VTrans Fall 2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant Application

Thoroughly read the ***Vermont Transportation Alternatives Fall 2022 Application Guide*** before you begin your application. It includes important program information and step-by-step instructions. Pay particular attention to the application process requirements. **Applications are due in hand or by e-mail by December 14, 2022.** Please e-mail the completed application to:

Scott.robertson@vermont.gov

Route 116 Crosswalk Relocation  
(Project Name/Title)

802-482-4206

(Phone)

Todd Odit, Town Manager  
(Municipality contact person responsible  
for the management of this project)

todit@hinesburg.org

(e-mail address)

Hinesburg  
(Town)

\$ \$99,940

Amount of **Federal Funds requested** (no more  
than 80% of the project cost estimate).

05461

(Zip Code)

\$24,985

Amount of Local Match. Example: Federal  
Award = \$300,000 (80% of total), Local Match =  
\$75,000 (20% of total), Total Project Cost =  
\$375,000 (100% of the total)

10632 Route 116  
(Mailing Address)

County: Chittenden

Town/Village/City: Hinesburg

Specific location, street, or road: Route 116 & Charlotte Road Intersection

Regional Planning Commission: Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

If a linear project, what is the length in feet? 125'

Is the project on or intersecting to a State maintained highway?

Yes ☒ No ☐

- *Note: If yes, be sure to include documentation that you have notified the VTrans District Transportation Administrator of the intent to apply for TA funding and have provided them with a brief (one paragraph) description of the proposed project.*

Project type being applied for:

☐ Scoping ☒ Design/Construction

Date public meeting was held regarding this application October 20, 2021 & November 16, 2022

The municipality understands that a typical construction project utilizing Transportation Alternatives Program funds will take roughly three years (min.) in the Design and ROW phases prior to going to construction (as pointed out in the TA Program Application Guide)? Yes ☒ No ☐

Does this project have a previously completed scoping or feasibility study? Yes ☒ No ☐

**Note:**

Attach a map(s) of the project area and clearly show the limits of the project as well as surrounding benefits from the proposed improvement. If the project is within or adjacent to a designated downtown, village or growth center, clearly indicate the relationship of the proposed project to the boundary of the designated area. Color photos of the area are also recommended.

**Fiscal Information:**

Accounting System Automated ☒ Manual ☐ Combination ☐

DUNS # 602147758

Fiscal Year End Month June

**Property Private Ownership:**

If the proposed project is on private property that will need to be acquired by the Municipality through purchase, easement, or eminent domain (includes temporary construction rights) in accordance with the "Uniform Act", then the municipality is committed to exercising its right of **eminent domain** to acquire the rights to construct the project if necessary. Yes ☒ No ☐

**Funding:**

Does this project already have existing funding? If so, please describe. Yes ☒ No ☐

Hinesburg was awarded a 2021 TA grant for this project with \$102,460 in Federal Funds and a local match of \$24,615. The actual design engineering contract was Negotiated down to \$55,000 from the original \$64,300 but was still \$35,000 more than Estimated in the grant application. This request is for more funds to make sure there is enough For construction and construction inspection.

Will you accept an award less than you applied for? Yes ☐ No ☒

- If yes, please indicate whether local funds will be used to make up the shortfall, or if the project scope will be reduced. If the project scope is to be reduced, describe what part of the project (please be specific) you would accept partial funding for.

**A support letter from the governing body of the applicant municipality or organization and an acknowledgement and source of the local match and commitment to future maintenance responsibility for construction projects is required (must be dated within 1 year of the application). Is a letter of support attached?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

**Regional Planning Commission Letter of Support:**

In order to apply, the project must have a letter of support from the regional planning commission. Is a letter of support attached?

Yes ☒ No ☐

**Application Scoring Criteria:**

- 1. Please give a brief description of the project (be sure to indicate the primary facility type being applied for and be concise). (10 points max.)**  
Relocation of sidewalk and related crosswalk to increase pedestrian and vehicular visibility and therefore increase pedestrian safety.
- 2. What is the feasibility of this project? Feasibility (or Scoping) study applications will not be scored on this criterion. Also, please describe the extent of project development completed to date. (10 points max.)**  
This project is very feasible as it involves relocating a relatively short length of sidewalk. Since there is an existing sidewalk, it is unlikely that there will be opposition to the relocated sidewalk. In addition, only two properties are impacted so only two easements will be needed. It was anticipated that this project would be completed by a private developer as a result of a development proposal. That development proposal has been abandoned so the town is interested in pursuing the improvement on its own given the safety benefits it will provide. To move the project forward, the Town completed a feasibility study in 2019.
- 3. Does this project address a need identified in a local or regional planning document? If so, please describe. (5 points max.)**  
This project addresses needs identified in the Hinesburg Town Plan as well as the Regional Planning Commission's regional ECOS Plan. Please see the attached letter from Bryan Davis for the regional needs this project addresses. It addresses a top priority action item of the Hinesburg Town Plan, which seeks to improve efficiency of traffic flow while ensuring vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety. Action item 7.1.2 (page 89), "Prioritize the final design and installation of planned improvements to the Route 116, Charlotte Road intersection."
- 4. Does this project benefit a State Designated Center per the link below (i.e., downtowns, villages, or neighborhood growth centers recognized by the Vermont Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development? (10 Points Max.)**  
<http://maps.vermont.gov/ACCD/PlanningAtlas/index.html?viewer=PlanningAtlas>  
This project is within a State designated Village Center.
- 5. Provide a project cost estimate below (project costs below include both federal dollars and local dollars). Projects will be scored based on whether the cost appears realistic for the size and scope of the project. For scoping studies, use PE and Local Project Management lines only.**  
**Note:** If you are applying for additional funds for an existing project, show the amount being requested for this grant in the PE, ROW, Construction, Construction Engineering, and Municipal Project Management rows below. Also, be clear regarding total project cost and other funding amounts and sources in the additional funding comments box below. (10 points max.)

Preliminary Engineering (PE)

<i>(Engineering, Surveying, Permitting)</i>	<u>\$ \$55,000</u>
Right-of-way / Acquisition (ROW) <i>(appraisals, land acquisition and legal fees)</i>	<u>\$ \$5,000</u>
Construction <i>(construction costs with reasonable contingency)</i>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>
Construction Engineering <i>(cost to provide inspection during construction)</i>	<u>\$ \$20,000</u>
Municipal Project Management Costs <i>(minimum of 10% of total PE, ROW and Construction Phases).</i>	<u>\$ \$23,000</u>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<u><b>\$ 253,000</b></u>

**Addition Funding Comments: (ex. Total and additional funding for existing projects)**

Cost estimate is based on the feasibility study estimate with an annual 5% cost increase adjustment each year assuming a construction date of 2024.

6. Select the eligibility category below (A, B, C or D) that best fits your project and answer the corresponding questions for that category (choose only one category). 10 bonus points will be awarded to projects that are primarily Bicycle or Pedestrian facilities.

☒ **A. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities (includes Safe Routes for Non-Drivers and Conversion of abandoned railroad corridors.**

- (i) Will the project contribute to a system of pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities? (10 points max.)

This project is part of the Town's core pedestrian network which consists of approximately 4.5 miles of sidewalks and multi-use paths.

- (ii) Will the project provide access to likely generators of pedestrian and/or bicyclist activity? (10 points max.)

This project is directly in front of one of the main generators of pedestrian activity in Hinesburg: Lantman's Market. In addition, the project location is 0.2 miles from the Hinesburg Community School. The school serves K-8 grade generates a significant amount of the village's pedestrian activity that passes through the project location.

- (iii) Will the project address a known, documented safety concern? (10 points max.)

According to the Feasibility study "In addition to crash data, the existing geometry of the intersection was studied to identify potential safety concerns. One element identified is the location of the crosswalk and stop bar on the Lantman's Driveway approach. The sidewalk and crossing are immediately adjacent to the building, creating a barrier for pedestrians being seen by vehicles waiting at the stop bar."

In addition, the feasibility study found that this crosswalk location is within a 0.3 mile High Crash Location as determined by VTrans for the 5 year period 2012-2016.



Town Manager  
10632 VT Route 116  
Hinesburg, VT 05461  
Ph: 802-482-4206 email: [todit@hinesburg.org](mailto:todit@hinesburg.org)

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November 9, 2022

Scott Robertson, P.E. – Municipal Assistance Section – Proj. Mgr  
Vermont Agency of Transportation  
Barre City Place  
219 North Main St. 4<sup>th</sup> flr.  
Barre, VT 05641

Subject: TAP TA22(7) Grant Application

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am writing on behalf of the Hinesburg Selectboard to confirm their support for the project which includes providing the required local match of \$50,600 (total of first grant award and this second request) and future maintenance responsibilities. The Selectboard discussed and approved applying for additional funds for project TAP TA22(7) on November 16, 2022. The source of funds will be from capital reserves.

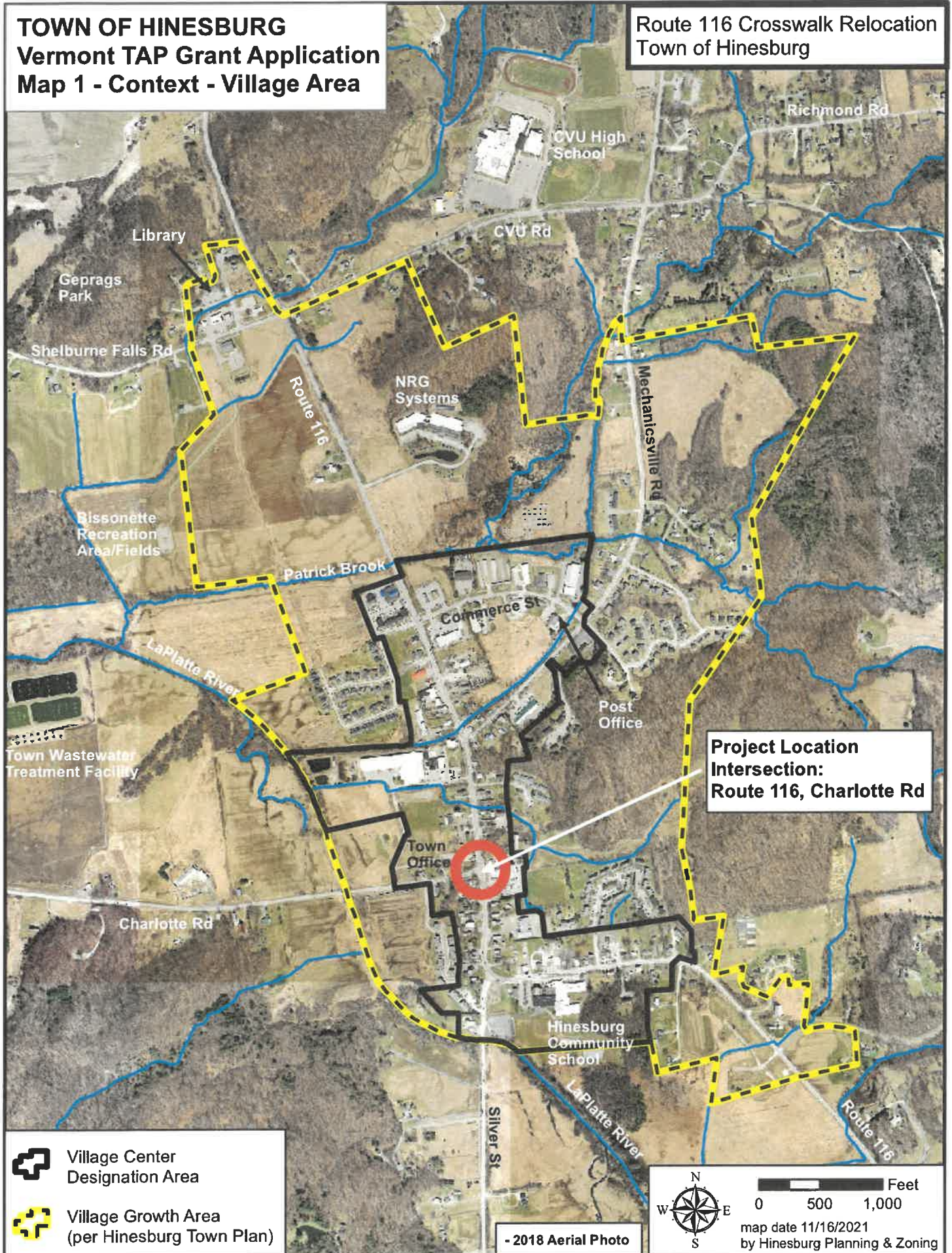
Sincerely,

Todd Odit  
Hinesburg Town Manager



**TOWN OF HINESBURG**  
**Vermont TAP Grant Application**  
**Map 1 - Context - Village Area**

**Route 116 Crosswalk Relocation**  
**Town of Hinesburg**





**TOWN OF HINESBURG**  
**Vermont TAP Grant Application**  
**Map 2 - Project Area**

Route 116 Crosswalk Relocation  
Town of Hinesburg



Village Center  
Designation Area  
Boundary

project fully within village  
center designation area

See 2019 study by VHB for  
detailed conceptual designs



Route 116

Town  
Office

Charlotte Rd

Project  
Area  
Limits

Lantman's  
Market

Route 116

- 2018 Aerial Photo



0 40 80 Feet

map date 11/16/2021  
by Hinesburg Planning & Zoning



**Town of Hinesburg  
VT TAP Application**

**Photo 1  
(intersection, west side,  
looking south)**

Route 116 Crossover Relocation  
Town of Hinesburg





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Route 116 Crosswalk Relocation  
Town of Hinesburg

**Photo 2**

(Intersection, west side,  
looking north)





Route 116 Crosswalk Relocation  
Town of Hinesburg

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Photo 3  
(Intersection, east side,  
looking north)

Proposed Sidewalk Relocation  
approximate only  
see 2019 study for design

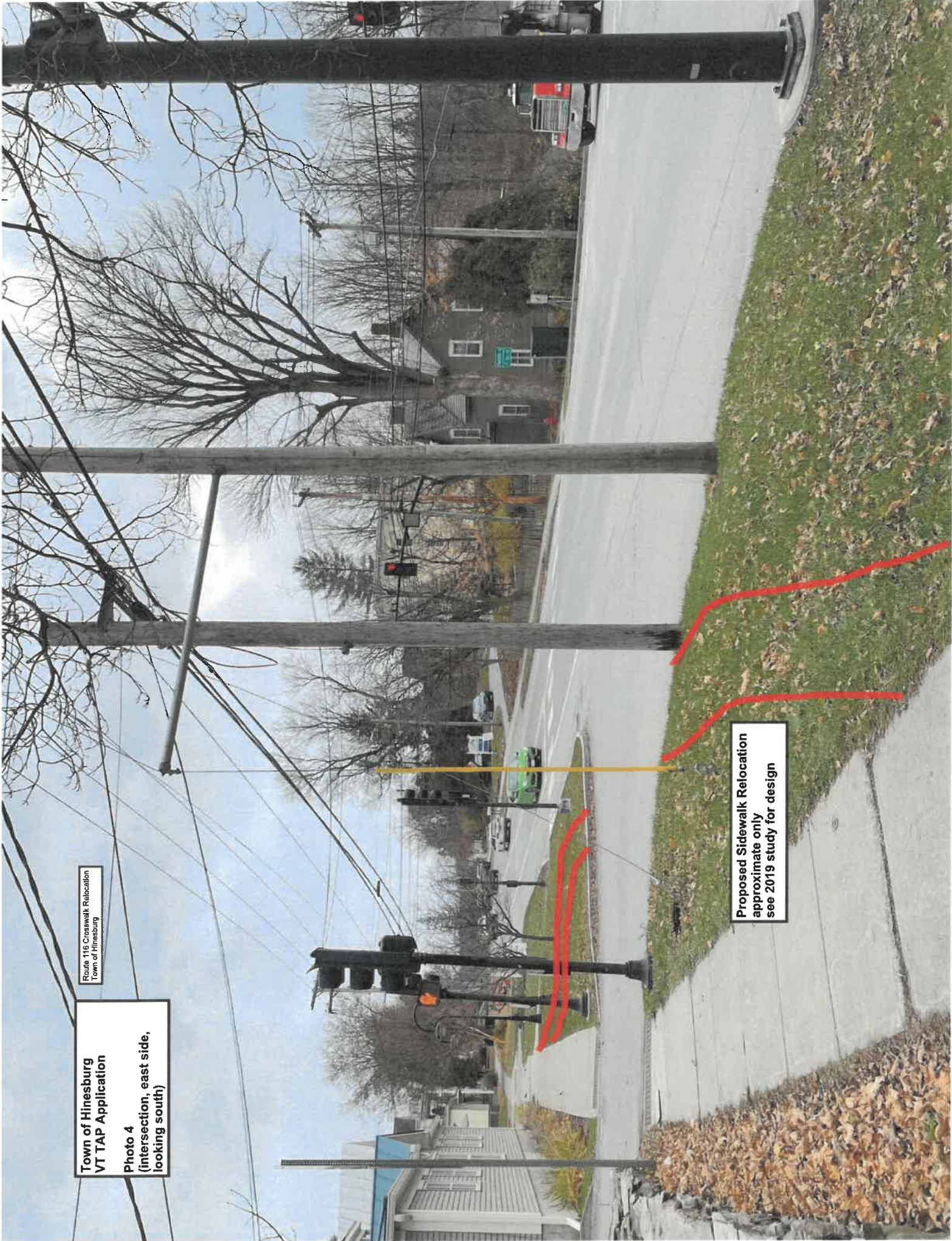




Route 116 Crosswalk Relocation  
Town of Hinesburg

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VT TAP Application  
Photo 4  
(intersection, east side,  
looking south)

Proposed Sidewalk Relocation  
approximate only  
see 2019 study for design







**Route 116 Crosswalk Relocation  
Town of Hinesburg**

October 23, 2021

Scott Robertson, P.E.  
Municipal Assistance Bureau TA Coordinator  
VT Agency of Transportation  
219 North Main Street  
Barre, VT 05641

Dear Scott:

This letter is in support of the Town of Hinesburg's application to the VTrans Transportation Alternatives Grant Program to construct improvements at the VT116/Charlotte Road intersection, as scoped by the CCRPC in 2019. These include relocating the sidewalk, improved signage and striping, adjustments to the signal timing and phasing, and reconstruction of the curbline on the eastern side of the intersection.

This project is supported by several sections of the CCRPC's ECOS Plan. One of the four broad goals established at the beginning of the document states:

*"Make public and private investments in the built environment to minimize environmental impact, maximize financial efficiency, optimize social equity and benefits, and improve public health."* ECOS Plan page 8

In the transportation discussion of key issues there's this finding:

*"More robust investment in transportation options – transit, walking/biking, carsharing and ridesharing – could reduce congestion, vehicle miles traveled, use of single occupancy vehicles, social exclusion, and could improve public health, and enhance the economic well-being of our residents, businesses and visitors."* ECOS Plan page 63

Under future transportation investments, one of the identified focal areas is to:

*"Expand walking and biking infrastructure to support active transportation and to provide interconnection with the region's transit system."* ECOS Plan page 93

The Public Health section also includes this as a priority strategy:

*"Obesity -- Create policies and environmental supports that increase access to active transportation, active recreation, and healthy foods."* ECOS Plan Page 103

The financial section of the transportation element of ECOS also notes a recommended shift in new transportation funding away from roadway investments and more into transportation alternatives like walking and cycling projects (see ECOS Plan page 180).

The Plan section on implementing transportation corridor improvements identifies this priority: *"Expanding the bicycle and pedestrian networks with on- and off-road facilities and more sidewalks."* ECOS Plan page 181

This project is also supported by the following goals from our 2017 Active Transportation Plan:

- *"Provide accessible, safe, efficient, interconnected, secure, equitable and sustainable mobility choices for our region's businesses, residents and visitors."*
- *"Encourage walking and biking in local communities through work with towns, schools, businesses and community walk-bike groups."*
- *"Expand walking and biking infrastructure to provide interconnection with the region's transit system."*

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bryan Davis  
Senior Transportation Planner



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**RE: TA Grant Application Notice**

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**From :** Blackmore, David <David.Blackmore@vermont.gov> Fri, Oct 15, 2021 10:44 AM  
**Subject :** RE: TA Grant Application Notice 📎 2 attachments  
**To :** Todd Odit <todithvt@gmavt.net>  
**Cc :** Atkins, Ashley <Ashley.Atkins@vermont.gov>

Thanks Todd. Please keep District 5 in the loop with any construction plans.

Dave

David Blackmore  
District Administrator  
North West Region  
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Email: [david.blackmore@vermont.gov](mailto:david.blackmore@vermont.gov)



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**From:** Todd Odit <todithvt@gmavt.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 9:13 AM  
**To:** Blackmore, David <David.Blackmore@vermont.gov>  
**Subject:** TA Grant Application Notice

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Hi David,

Hinesburg intends to apply for a FY 22 TA grant for the bike/ped improvements contained within the study you can find attached to this study. Please let me know if you have any comments or concerns.

Thank you,