



November 18, 2022

Scott Robertson  
VTrans Municipal Assistance Bureau  
Vermont Agency of Transportation  
219 North Main Street  
Barre, VT 05641

Dear Scott Robertson,

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is pleased to support the Town of Orange's application for 2023 Transportation Alternative Program funding. It is our understanding that the Town will complete a scoping study to consider options to accommodate pedestrians in along Rt. 302 in the village.

The Regional Plan, encourages addressing gaps in the pedestrian network while linking residential neighborhoods, commercial neighborhoods and other areas of interest. The following regional policies are directly relevant to the development of this project:

- Promote projects that limit the conflicts between the motor vehicle traffic stream, pedestrians, and the rail system.
- 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 the availability of multiple options for the movement of people and goods.
- Establish a transportation system that minimizes consumption of resources and maximizes the protection of the environment.

Finally, the proposed study promises to support overall network connectivity while creating an active transportation link between the village, recreation facilities, the park and ride, and the school. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is pleased to support this project.

Sincerely,



Keith Cubbon, Planner