



December 12, 2022

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

**RE: Transportation Alternatives Program Letter of Support – Springfield Salt Shed Scoping Study**

Dear Mr. Robertson,

Recognizing that our Department of Public Works needs a new salt shed, the Springfield Selectboard supports the attached application to the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). If awarded, the grant will enable the Town to conduct a Scoping Study to determine the best option for replacing the existing salt shed, which has deteriorated and is no longer structurally sound.

We are committed to providing the required 20% local cash match, and are further committed to any maintenance needs should the salt shed replacement project be funded in the future.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Kristi Morris, Chair  
Springfield Selectboard

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD**

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Dear Mr. Robertson:


The Town of Springfield is in full support of the grant application to fund the Toonerville Trail Extension. The new section of the path is 3,250 feet long, southern terminus is at the existing path and the northern terminus is at Bridge Street.

The path is largely on the lands of Springfield Regional Development Corporation and between the Black River and the former Jones and Lamson, (J & L), manufacturing facility.

The Town has had a long term desire to extend the Toonerville Trail north because it will connect the Downtown Business District to the Connecticut River and greatly extend the utility of the existing path. The demolition of the J & L building is significantly completed, and redevelopment efforts of that brownfield site continue. The path is an integral part of the site's redevelopment plan and included in the Corrective Action Plan.

Inflation has increased the anticipated project costs. The total estimated cost of the project is now estimated to be \$879,586 based on estimates from TCE, Inc. We are applying for additional funds to supplement past awards through the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program and Transportation Alternatives Program. The additional costs are \$160,118 for construction, \$29,060 for engineering, \$25,000 for construction inspection, and \$5,000 for municipal project management. We believe the current levels of funding for right-of-way are sufficient. The Town is requesting a new TAP award of \$136,174, which when combined with the 2020 TAP award equals a total of \$300,000 in TAP awards. The Town is committed to providing local match funds for this 2023 request of \$83,004 (or about 38%) for in this application.

Sincerely,



Kristi Morris,  
Selectboard Chair