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Ernie,

The Town of Hinesburg is applying for a VTrans 2024 Small Scale Bike/Ped Grant to install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at an existing Route 116 crosswalk in front of the Hinesburg Community School (10888 VT Route 116). The project is within the State highway right of way. Should the grant be awarded, we will of course apply for a VTrans 1111 permit, and will coordinate with your office regarding the details and construction timing.

Both the Town and the Hinesburg Community School have been talking about placing a flashing beacon at this intersection for years in order to improve pedestrian safety at this important crosswalk. We scoped this project in 2023 with the help of Hoyle & Tanner and the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. There was resounding support for it at the public meeting we held on January 9, 2023. See attached context map, site area map, and scoping study excerpt. The full scoping study can be found online - <https://www.hinesburg.org/planning-zoning/pages/village-crosswalk-improvements>. The study included two alternatives with conceptual cost estimates, and recommended the more robust alternative (alternative 2) that includes:

- Standard RRFBs on either side of the existing crosswalk.
- An advance beacon (triggered by the RRFB) 100-200 feet east of the crosswalk to provide earlier warning to southbound traffic coming around the corner after the Silver Street intersection.
- New curbing and landing pad improvements adjacent to the crosswalk on the north side of the crosswalk.

The Hinesburg Select Board supports the project, and understands that the Town will be responsible for future maintenance of the improvements.

I plan to submit the grant application tomorrow (6/14/24). We look forward to coordinating with you and your staff!

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