



**VTTrans Fall 2023 Transportation Alternatives (TAP)
and
Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program Grant (MHSMP)
Combined Application**

Thoroughly read the TAP and MHSMP application guidebooks 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 by e-mail by December 8, 2023.** Please e-mail the completed application to: Ross.gouin@vermont.gov and Scott.robertson@vermont.gov.

Creamery Road TAP
(Project Name/Title)

802-291-0525
(Phone)

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for the management of this project)

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Bradford
(Town)

\$ 40,000
Amount of **Federal Funds requested** (no more
than 80% of the project cost estimate).

05033
(Zip Code)
PO Box 339
Bradford, VT 05033
(Mailing Address)

10,000
Amount of Local Match. Example:
Federal Award = \$600,000 (80% of total)
Local Match = \$150,000 (20% of total)
Total Project Cost = \$750,000 (100% of the total)

County: Orange

Town/Village/City: Bradford

Specific location, street, or road: Creamery Bridge and Creamery Road

Regional Planning Commission: Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission

If a linear project, what is the length in feet? 1993 feet

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 VTTrans 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**

The municipality understands that a typical construction project utilizing TAP or MHSMP Program funds will take roughly three years (min.) in the Design and ROW phases prior to going to construction (as pointed out in the TAP and MHSMP Application Guides)? 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 ☐

SAM Unique Identifier # X727MC1M3VK9

Fiscal Year End Month December

Property 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 ☒

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Please note that existing projects will not be considered for additional funding without a current NEPA clearance and ROW clearance. Please provide date of clearances below:

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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.
The project scope will be reduced to focus on sidewalk construction.

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 ☐

PLEASE NOTE: If this application is for salt or sand shed funding, the applicant must read and understand the **Municipal Assistance Section Salt Shed Application Guide**. All of the following scoring questions below must thoroughly convey an understanding of the salt and sand guidance provided.

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.)

The project entails scoping out how to create a pedestrian and bicycle path across the Waits River either by cantilevering from the Creamery Bridge or by a bike/ped walkway. Then scoping out a safe pedestrian and bicycle path along Creamery Road to the Bradford Park and Ride.

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 to date.**

(10 points max.)

The scoping project will determine the feasibility of this project.

3. **Does this project address a need identified in a local or regional planning document? If so, please describe.**

(5 points max.)

The project addresses a need as it has already been observed by the Bradford Highway crew that people walk from the village across the Creamery Bridge and Creamery Road to get to the Park and Ride. A survey that was done for the recently updated Town Plan identified clear support for this project with the main caveat being the cost to construct the project. Facilitating walking and biking over cars is a key objective of the Regional and Town Plans for conserving energy. It is also an economic justice objective as it is expensive to own even one car and the people who are utilizing this access are from less costly homes and rental units.

4. **Does this project:**

- A. **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?**

Not applicable for Environmental Mitigation Categories (5 points max.)

<http://maps.vermont.gov/ACCD/PlanningAtlas/index.html?viewer=PlanningAtlas>

This project benefits the Village Center designation as the primary users of this sidewalk/bike path are close to the Village Center designation. The town is investigating the

possibility of expanding the Village Center to the Creamery Bridge so that vacant land and a dilapidated factory can benefit from tax credits and other incentives.

- B. Benefit mobility for disadvantaged populations to include elderly, disabled, minorities, and low-income residents. Please describe this impact (if applicable) in detail. Supporting documentation, including recent data must be included.**

Not applicable for Environmental Mitigation Categories (10 points max.)

This project will primarily benefit low-income residents who may not own a car or have only one vehicle and who participate in ride sharing or are Tri-Valley Transit bus passengers. The users of the sidewalk to reach the park and ride will primarily come from the western and southern part of the Village Residential district which has a concentration of low-income people.

- 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) (Engineering, Surveying, Permitting)	\$ <u>50,000</u>
Right-of-way / Acquisition (ROW) (appraisals, land acquisition and legal fees)	\$ <u>Click here to enter value</u>
Construction (construction costs with reasonable contingency)	\$ <u>Click here to enter value</u>
Construction Engineering (cost to provide inspection during construction)	\$ <u>Click here to enter value</u>
Municipal Project Management Costs (minimum of 10% of total PE, ROW and Construction Phases).	\$ <u>Click here to enter value</u>
Total Project Cost	\$ <u>50,000</u>

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

The project will develop a plan for constructing Bicycle and Pedestrian access to the Park and Ride and will thus connect Bradford Village which already has an extensive though not complete network of sidewalks.

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

The project will make bicycle and pedestrian access from the Park and Ride to the Village safer and therefore is expected to increase the number of people who access the Park and Ride on foot or on bicycle. Ultimately it is hoped that there will be significantly more sidewalks and bike lanes within the village and this one will be connected to the expanded network.

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

The reason a scoping project is critical is for two main reasons: 1. Creamery Bridge is a narrow, one-lane bridge and 2. There are several sections of the road where rock outcroppings come close to road paving and on the other side of the road, there are sections where there are guardrails as the drop-off is significant. As the road has a significant curve to it, there are also some sections with poor visibility. Thus far there have been no incidents in which a pedestrian has been struck by a motor vehicle, but the poor visibility around the curve, and the very narrow shoulder created by the rock outcrop, create a very hazardous condition, especially in the pre-dawn hours when pedestrians use this route to walk to the Park and Ride facility.

☐ **B. Community Improvement Activities:**

- i. Explain how the project improves the economic wellbeing of the community and/or provide a benefit to state tourism? **(10 points max.)**

With safe bike-ped access to the village, people who come to work in Bradford would now have a safe bike-ped path. In addition, quite a significant number of people come to Bradford from surrounding towns to enjoy a walk on village sidewalks and then stop in for a bite to eat at one of the many restaurants in the Central Business District. Currently out-of-town visitors tend to park in the Central Business District which has limited parking. With this sidewalk, they would be able to leave their car in the Park and Ride and walk on Creamery Road to connect to the sidewalk network.

- ii. Describe the anticipated impact to the public; degree of visibility, public exposure and/or public use. **(10 points max.)**

Those that are already accessing the Park and Ride by walking/biking along Creamery Road would be able to do so safely. There are no doubt people who have found the current access uncomfortable or unsafe and with a sidewalk, would embrace the walk.

- iii. Answer only one of the following based on the type of project:

- a) Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas as related to scenic or historic sites.

To what extent will the project provide a view of a highly unique and scenic area?

- b) **(10 points max.)**

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- c) Preservation or rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities. *Describe the historic significance of the historic transportation facility and the importance of the facility to the state.* **(10 points max.)**

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- d) Archeological planning and research related to impacts from a transportation project.

Describe the associated transportation project and benefit of the proposed activities.

(10 points max.)

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- e) Vegetation management in transportation rights of way to improve roadway safety, prevent invasive species, and provide erosion control. *Describe the extent of the current problem and the impact on the site and surrounding area.* **(10 points max.)**

Creamery Road has rock on the eastern side and steep bank on the western side. By properly designing the sidewalk including the side of the road where the sidewalk should be constructed, the scoping study will include provision for erosion control and greatly improve roadway safety.

☐ **C. Environmental Mitigation Activity Related to Stormwater and Highways
(Including Salt and Sand Sheds)**

- i. Please describe how this application provides environmental mitigation relating to stormwater and highways. **(10 points max.)**
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- ii. What information or data is provided to substantiate the current stormwater problem and associated environmental impacts? **(10 points max.)**
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- iii. What substantiating data or information is provided to show that the proposed application is an effective and maintainable solution to the problem? **(10 points max.)**
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☐ **D. Environmental Mitigation Activity Related to Wildlife**

- i. Please describe how this application will reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or will restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats. **(10 points max.)**
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- ii. What information or data is provided to substantiate the current problem and associated environmental impacts? **(10 points max.)**
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- iii. What substantiating data or information is provided to show that the proposed application is an effective and manageable solution to the problem? **(10 points max.)**

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