

December 5, 2023

Scott Robertson Program Manager Municipal Assistance Bureau, VT Agency of Transportation 219 North Main St, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Barre, VT 05641

RE: Hardwick Mill Street/Main Street Scooping Study

Dear Scott,

I am writing in support of an application for a Transportation Alternative Grant by the Town of Hardwick to perform a Scoping Study to improve pedestrian access and increase safety for all users along Mill Street and Main Street. These two streets both convey VT Rte15 through the designated downtown of Hardwick. This is a highly congested area with many active businesses and many residences. This effort is being led by the town in an effort to continue their good work in improving the downtown as a place to live, work and shop.

The project is supported by the regional plan in numerous ways. Among them;

- Ensure Availability of Alternative Transportation Modes to Address Residents' Needs
- Promote transportation in growth centers, downtowns, and village centers that feature bicycle, pedestrian and other non-motorized forms of transportation.

NVDA strongly supports the selection of this project for funding through the Transportation Alternative Program.

Sincerely,

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