



**VTrans 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.

Perkinsville Pedestrian Improvements Scoping Study

(Project Name/Title)

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(Phone)

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Weathersfield

(Town)

\$ 32,000

Amount of **Federal Funds requested** (no more than 80% of the project cost estimate).

05030

(Zip Code)

\$8,000

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)

PO Box 550

(Mailing Address)

County: **Windsor**

Town/Village/City: **Village of Perkinsville**

Specific location, street, or road: **VT-106**

Regional Planning Commission: **Mount Ascutney Regional Commission**

If a linear project, what is the length in feet? **~2,200 ft.**

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 VTrans 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 # KXCDUWTTJQN4

Fiscal Year End Month June

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 ☐

The work being scoped will include ROW acquisition.

Funding:

Does this project already have existing funding? If so, please describe. Yes ☐ No ☒

N/A.

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:

N/A. The work being scoped will include ROW acquisition.

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.

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.)

Scoping study for Pedestrian Improvements, likely widened shoulders, on VT Route 106 from Upper Falls Rd to 1879 Schoolhouse. VT 106 runs through the center of the Village and provides the primary route through it. This area is within the Designated Village Center. Hoisington Field is located at the southern end of the Village and is a popular public gathering space. The recently renovated 1879 Schoolhouse is a community food shelf and event space with accessibility accommodations. Current conditions are not conducive to pedestrian safety. A plan for bike and pedestrian connections will benefit the Village's revitalization efforts.

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.)

N/A (Scoping study application).

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

(5 points max.)

Yes; the project addresses needs as identified in the Weathersfield 2017 Town Plan and the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission 2022 Regional Transportation Plan - see attached excerpts.

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>

Yes - Perkinsville has a Designated Village Center - see attached map.

- 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.)

Yes - improved and increase safety for all pedestrians. The Town has identified residents in this area that rely on wheelchairs that would benefit from safer, wider shoulders.

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)	\$ 36,000
Right-of-way / Acquisition (ROW) (appraisals, land acquisition and legal fees)	\$ Click here to enter value
Construction (construction costs with reasonable contingency)	\$ Click here to enter value
Construction Engineering (cost to provide inspection during construction)	\$ Click here to enter value
Municipal Project Management Costs (minimum of 10% of total PE, ROW and Construction Phases).	\$ 4,000
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Total Project Cost	\$ <u>40,000</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.

X ☐ 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.)

Yes - a scoping study for pedestrian improvements that would provide a bike/ped connection among the Upper Falls swimming and hiking areas, the surrounding residential area, Hoisington Fields, and the 1879 Schoolhouse.

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

Yes - Hoisington Fields generates bike/ped activity. The project intends to make safer connections between the recreation facility and 1879 Schoolhouse, and the surrounding residential areas. The area south of Quarry Road needs improvements to safely accommodate bikers and pedestrians.

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

Yes - "The intersection has been a concern for traffic safety due to limited sight distances for many years."

☐ **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.)**

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

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- 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.)**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- 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.)

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- 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.)

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- 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.)**

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☐ **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.)**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- ii. What information or data is provided to substantiate the current stormwater problem and associated environmental impacts? **(10 points max.)**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- 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.)**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- 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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