

2023 BP Federal Large Scale Applications Review 7-19

Town/Applicant	Project Description	Pochop Comments (Need)	Bucossi Comments (Need)	Holland Comments (Need)	Neary Comments (Need)	Hunt Comments (Need)	Pochop Scores	Bucossi Score	Holland Scores	Neary Scores	Hunt Scores	Total Score	Total Cost	Fed. Share	Rank
Berlin	Berlin NTC Gateway - Multi-Use Path and Sidewalks	Part of a bigger dev. Plan for a new Town Center. Why not developer paid / sponsored. Who would own?		The case is made for the full build out of the NTC and this feels like a chicken and egg situation. Until the area is further built out this facility is serving more as a recreation use versus a transportation use. It is also unclear the extent of sidewalk facilities serving the mall and the two housing developments that exist or are to be built.	Loads of potential for Berlin and this area. I am excited to see it transform from the auto-dominated highway to a more village center feel. However, I do not feel this is the "right" time for this particular bike/ped project, and wonder if this program is the right fit. Feels like with all the financing and complexity it would be included in a municipal bond or with the development. Too many "what ifs" for me.	important element of future community/region need	67	75	72	66	89	369	\$550,000	\$440,000	
Burlington	North Beach Overpass	Path appears to work well now' Ped access to beach through an adjoining structure. Path is full width so no apparent narrowing. Is this really a north beach car access project? Cheaper to run path down then back up?		Make a case for it but scoring lower as it is replacing an existing facility and high cost	Should be included in the CCRPC project list. This feels like more appropriate for VPSP2 or RAISE. This project seems VERY complicated with a ton of environmental/permitting issues. I question the older budget and whether it will support something of this size. Has a TON of usage which is always true of Burlington. Hope it receives RAISE money, seems like it could reach critical levels and cause issues if left unaddressed.	On high traffic greenway, improves access	43	60	76	68	75	322	\$1,200,000	\$960,000	
Castleton	Castleton Village Designated Center Pedestrian Safety & Accessibility Improvements	Outdated and unsafe existing facilities.		Would create a major network improvement in this village center	GREAT project and repeat from last year. Will serve a village center and college campus with considerable volume. Not as dense land-use as Burlington or Rutland City. Addresses some safety issues along Main Street and crossing distances	Improvement of undersized existing facilities around VSU, D&H	84	81	94	90	74	423	\$1,511,984	\$1,209,587	1
Coventry	Coventry Village Center Sidewalks	The full project would be the best is this enough?	application could have added more detail to this section	State village destinations served - community center, meeting house and post office.	Needs MUCH more detail and attention. Spelling. Not a bad little project. Low volume both pedestrian and vehicle. Low density on housing. Really like the map that has all the landowners. Shows how close the community must be and support the project. Might be better suited as a small scale project broken into sections. Costs seem low.	Low density, benefit of connecting to 5 unclear	50	67	66	61	57	301	\$666,300	\$533,040	
Danville	Destination Downtown Danville shared use path and sidewalks.	Good connections and anticipated usage.		Would create a major network improvement in this village center	HUGE cost. Too much of this grant funding to one project. Would be much better in phases or as a gravel rail trail spur from the LVRT? Seems like a good project with loads of planning.	Connects LVRT and rec fields to village	75	72	93	76	74	390	\$2,757,540	\$2,206,032	5
Enosburg Falls	Enosburg Falls Vital Village Streetscape Project	Parts are needed to upgrade and make ADA compliant and safe for use but facilities already exist for the entire area. Hinges on completion of buried utilities upgrades		Improves existing facilities in village center to improve safety	GREAT concepts. Really like the traffic calming elements, like the small chicane. Looks like current sidewalks are in pretty good condition. Would drastically improve the village safety and feel. Cost is high for small area and may still be insufficient	Improves an existing network	80	78	81	85	76	400	\$1,724,000	\$1,379,200	4
Hinesburg	Richmond Road Pedestrian Path Segments A & B	Smaller project (A) will not connect one of two low income mobile home parks. Full project would connect.		Connection identified on the Town's Official Map Connects "high" density of residents to village services. Segment is on a "main" corridor in the town. 2016 Scoping Study, updated in 2022 for cost and phasing	Could use MORE detail in application. Not much consideration paid to some aspects. Very good linkage project, but could it be completed by road shoulder.	Current route between residences and village unsafe	61	72	93	71	79	376	\$2,690,500	\$2,152,400	
Irasburg	Irasburg Connecting Community Sidewalk Project	Excellent, needed connection to the school		Minimal narrative; provides facilities to school	Could use MORE detail in application. Cannot rely on scoping study. Most of the projects have them now. Low volume. High cost	Connection from village common to school	75	46	58	63	71	313	\$792,640	\$634,112	
Jericho	Mount Mansfield Union (MMU) High School to Village Center Shared Use Path	Makes final connection to MMU High School	3/4 complete		Safe Route to School project but not much else. High school and not elementary. Other segments seem to serve more neighborhoods and businesses in the village. Maybe school could help with ARPA dollars?	Completes connection from village to school	64	72	84	75	78	373	\$1,797,188	\$1,437,750	
Lyndon	Sanborn Covered Bridge Revitalization Project	The bridge and surrounding paths make an important connection to safe bike/ped facilities in the area.	is this eligible?	Facility would serve as public space and trailhead while the network connectivity is noted this is serving mainly recreation vs basic accessibility to services and therefore scored lower	Odd fit for this funding source. Loads of other funding involved in the project, is this just gap funding? Was not clear if this upgrade was critical to keeping it open. Good planning through Better Connections. Seems good support from NVDA	Nice for the future park, overall benefit unclear	74	0	68	70	63	275	\$380,000	\$304,000	
Newfane	Newfane Village Sidewalk & Crosswalk Project	Sidewalks in very poor shape		limited facility, poor condition existing facilities. Scored lower as currently have some facilities although not up to current standards.	Need MUCH more detail. Should have worked with WRC on the application. Not at bad little project but had to hunt through the scoping study to fully understand it. Should have had a better concept map. Do like the idea of a raised crosswalk as a traffic calming element.	Existing facilities not accessible, no safe crossing	79	70	81	61	80	371	\$704,000	\$563,200	
Pomfret	South Pomfret Village Scoping Study Preferred Alternative Implementation - Stage 1	Sidewalks connect Library and other town facilities		limited to no facilities currently. Part of multi phased project, step 1.	Why with the red text? My eyes. Seems lower volume than some and not in village center. Good safety considerations and some of the elements. Could be a better fit for a TA grant or VPSP2	Library rd. intersection dangerous	70	77	74	70	76	367	\$488,000	\$390,400	
Richmond	Jericho Road Western Sidewalk Project	Not well demonstrated but anecdotal. No talk of additional facilities with in the Outhview Development	100 households	no current facility; closes neighborhood gap	HUGE cost. Great safe route to school project, but focusing on high school not elementary. Lower volume and less density. Would connect to village.	Connects dense population with school and into village	58	72	80	75	70	355	\$375,000	\$300,000	
Rutland	Rutland Town Route 7 North Shared Use Path	final connection to school/ safer crossing of Route 7	actually referenced FHWA step	no current facility; closes gap	Good safe routes to school project for elementary aged students. Would connect Rutland City network with Rutland Town. Land use is weird, commercial center connected to a rural/less-dense residential area. Could see lower volumes. Good coordination with VTrans /opp Kaplan	Connects school and neighborhoods into Rutland city sidewalk network	81	77	84	79	81	402	\$781,250	\$625,000	2
South Burlington	Hinesburg Road Shared Use Path	Has a sidewalk but shared use path would be a great enhancement	how wide? Lower score since existing structure is there	replaces deteriorated and inadequate facility; connects to several basic services	Good project. Loads of potential users. What are condition of current sidewalks? Already served by sidewalks. Map was difficult to read.	Important connection between high density residential and city center amenities	72	67	91	77	86	393	\$960,000	\$768,000	3
Warren	Sugarbush Access Road ADA Accessible Shared Use Path, Segment I (Inferno Rd to Golf Course Rd)	Employee connections to housing/Transit but this portion would not fully connect			Low volume. Should be a private/public partnership with the resort. Good planning. Support of workforce housing and transit. Question how much use it would get off season, which seems to be growing with climate change.	Creates safe route from high density residential and workforce housing to Sugarbush	74	70	83	71	80	378	\$961,580	\$769,264	6
													Total Fed. Funds Requested	\$14,671,986	

DRAFT

KEY:

Initially Selected

In addition to initially selected if Money available

Total:

\$2,602,587

\$7,070,096

\$9,672,683

Town/Applicant	Project Description	Pochop Comments	Bucossi Comment	Holland Comments	Neary Comments	Hunt Comments	Pochop Scores	Bucossi Score	Holland Scores	Neary Scores	Hunt Scores	Total Score	Total Cost	Federal Funds Portion	Rank
2023 Additional Funds															
Bennington	Ninja Path: Bennington TAP TA 22(9) & Bennington STP BP15(2)	Need is great for the completion of this important, complicated project which will remove bikes and peds from the busy VT7A and 67A corridor.	unsure if ACT250 delays could have been avoided	Ninja path phase 2; SUP + steel bridge + boardwalk over wetland; connect urban core to North Bennington; ***no digital signature on ROW form	Cleared Act 250. Seems like a good project but not sure about the potential for the additional phases.	Delays associated with permitting have compounded inflationary impacts	30	30	28	25	24	137	\$263,197.00	\$210,557.60	2
Fair Haven	Pedestrian Park lighting and park and ride improvements	Not really a BP project? Perhaps closing down the wide opening @ P&R would qualify. There are paths and sidewalks all around downtown and in park now. Plan seems a bit extravagant	inflation cause but also projects seems like it took longer than planned	ROW form signed; project improvement not clearly outlined, look up each in AOT system.	Park and Ride improvements would be best to fund over lighting for overall safety. Partial funding only for park and ride.	Covid/inflationary impacts - project was bid twice significantly over engineer's estimate	15	15	26	25	24	105	\$571,797.00	\$457,437.60	
Rutland	RUTLAND CREEK PATH -SEGMENT 3	Almost fully funded and this application ask is reasonable for this important link between two city areas.	switching from seg 5 to seg 3 was not foreseen	ROW form signed;	Need to finish and connect previously funded segments.	Permitting challenges caused a change in project priority, coupled with inflation	30	22	30	30	23	135	\$303,249.00	\$242,599.20	3
Vergennes	Vergennes Main St. Sidewalk	Project has been bid and will not be complete until fall so can have add'l funding utilized before completion. Have funded projects at similar stage before.		2019 award; 400 ft sidewalk; north end of the Otter Creek Falls Bridge to the VT22A/Macdonough Drive intersection. Project goal is to strengthen the pedestrian connection between the Bixby Library/downtown and Macdonough Park in the Otter Creek Basin. ***no digital signature on ROW form	Small project.	No detail about what led to engineering overages, construction attributed to inflation	30	30	30	27	22	139	\$119,337.00	\$95,469.60	1
Windsor	River Street Sidewalk Improvement Project	No ROW Clearance	project has lacked a champion	Scored lower as still need to pass ROW; have not yet obtained 4 temporary easements. I am confused as to the need for the project; Google aerial shows one direction of sidewalk along River St. Is this a replacement?	Long timeline.	Staffing issues in the Town/MPM and ROW challenges caused delays. RPC has been hired to avoid turnover/Town staff challenges	0	0	0	20	17	37	\$125,620.00	\$100,496.00	
													Federal Funds	\$1,106,560.00	
Scoping															
Cambridge	Cambridge Greenway Trail Extension	Completes connections and serves a retirement community	yes to network didn't discuss OD		Cool idea of the trail extension.	Connects a lot of community assets and adds safer ways to cross 15 and 108	15	12		15	14	56	\$55,000	\$44,000	
Chester	Scoping Study of Sidewalk to High School	Great connection to High School and neighborhoods.			Nice network extension to study.	Adds safe route to Grn Mtn HS	15	14		15	13	57	\$55,000	\$44,000	
Hyde Park	North Hyde Park Rivershore Path and Village Walkways	Not sure a full scoping study is needed for this area since streetscape report was done in 2016 (VTrans funded)			Taking a study a step further with additional scoping.	Are some of their goals like decreasing width of 100C even feasible, has this already been studied?	10	15		15	12	52	\$60,000	\$48,000	
Johnson	Johnson Village VT15 Sidewalk Extension	Good, needed, project that would connect public facilities and a mobile home community to the downtown			Good connection to low income residents	important connection between Village and 80 residences + town amenities, safety concerns with existing facilities	15	15		15	14	59	\$44,000	\$35,200	
Manchester	Main Street/Route 7A Bicycle Scoping Study	Evident that the only safe area to bike is on sidewalk, making it unsafe for pedestrians. A corridor upgrade is needed to address this issue.			Cool idea would be a big change.	Considers safe route between two designated villages; Additional facilities could help tourists choose to bike around town and decrease congestion.	15	15		15	13	58	\$60,000	\$48,000	
Sheldon	Sheldon Springs Bicycle and Pedestrian Scoping Study	Good village connections and connection to MVRT			Connections to village and LVRT.	Connection to MVRT and elementary school. How much of this was addressed in the 2019 study? Should this be DBB?		15		15	12	42	\$50,000	\$40,000	
South Hero	Featherbed Lane/Apple Island Resort Safety Concerns	Well documented and reviewed area - Specifics need to be hammered out via a scoping study			Safety improvements are great!	Is the need mainly for seasonal/tourists? No clear connection to other community assets.	15	12		15	11	53	\$40,000	\$32,000	
St. Albans	Route 7 North Shared Use Path Project	Need is evident and a scoping study will go a long way to making informed decisions			Why \$12K for admin? More than 20%. Would approve at \$74,800.	High speed high crash area with no ped facilities. Important connection to existing sidewalks and MVRT. MVRT extension to Newton may change study area.	15	15		10	14	54	\$80,000	\$64,000	
													Fed. Funds Requested	\$355,200.00	

Key: Total \$:

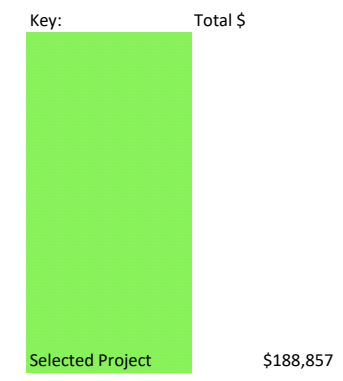
Additional Funds Selected \$548,626.40

Scoping Selected \$355,200.00

Total Add'l and Scoping: \$903,826.40



Town/Applicant	Project Description	Pochop Comments	Bucossi Comment	Holland Comments	Neary Comments	Hunt Comments	Total Cost	State Funding	Column1
	2023 Small Scale								
Burke	East Burke Cross Walk	yes - \$32 k is eligible, however.	yes	Yes, but would like more of a description of the details of the project such as improvements to the sidewalk connection and ADA component. Stantec study referenced; wished they have lifted a description from it!	Yes	Yes - Who will the ENG, MPM and CI costs be paid to though?	\$32,000	\$16,000	Revised to reflect eligible costs
Burlington	Old North End Greenway - Permanent Construction	yes	yes	Yes, Converting series of quick builds into permanent installations	Yes	Yes - well developed concept with temp/demonstration elements to verify feasibility	\$150,000	\$75,000	
Castleton	South Street Pedestrian Accessibility and Safety	yes	yes	Yes, Cover the bases of information and meets criteria	Yes	Yes - Large ped traffic generators in the area, 85% plan development complete	\$150,000	\$75,000	
Milton	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons	yes	yes	Yes/Maybe, Request for RRFB at 1 location on Main Street at School Street. No map pinpointing exact location of crossing provided. Based on the photos and itemized budget they are building a sidewalk/infrastructure connection across Main Street where one does not already exist. Confirmation that cost estimate is adequate and whether location of existing stormwater drains are taken into account for the location of the crossing.	Yes	Yes - Cost effective safety improvements for school age pedestrians	\$12,933	\$6,467	
Northfield	VT Route 12, Cox Brook Road, Gould Road Pedestrian Safety Improvements	yes	maybe, could have expanded on why people are crossing there (to get to store from neighborhood and to get to river?). Is no sidewalk a concern with a crosswalk ? This would be good to check with Ian before saying yes.	Yes/Maybe, Approve of project need but would like VTrans MAB confirmation cost estimate is adequate. Also would like confirmation of need to coordinate with private property owner/General Store on the curbing for that Cox Brook Road side; unclear if plan to install sidewalk as shown in Kaplan's graphic or simply a sidewalk stub/pedestrian platform and curbing being used to define the space.	Yes	Yes	\$32,780	\$16,390	
							Total State Funds Requested.	\$188,857	



DRAFT

Federal Funds Requests			
Scoping	\$355,200		
Add'l Funding Lg Scale	\$1,106,560		
New Large Scale	<u>\$14,671,986</u>		
Total Fed. Funds Requested	\$16,133,746	Total Federal Projects Cost	\$20,167,182.00

Small Scale State Funds Requests	\$197,857	Total Small Scale State Projects Cost	\$395,714.00
---	------------------	--	---------------------

Initial Ranking \$ Total: \$3,506,413

Small Scale Selected Total: \$188,857

DRAFT