## Route 2A Connector Scoping Study

#### Public Meeting December 9, 2020 Williston, Vermont





### **Tonight's Purpose**

- Introduce PAC and review project area
- Review project development process
- Review existing conditions research
- Gather feedback on issues, concerns, ideas open public discussion
- Discuss next steps



#### Introductions : Project Advisory Committee

- Williston Town Staff
  - Lisa Schiffler, Bruce Hoar
- CCRPC
  - Christine Forde, Sai Sarepelli

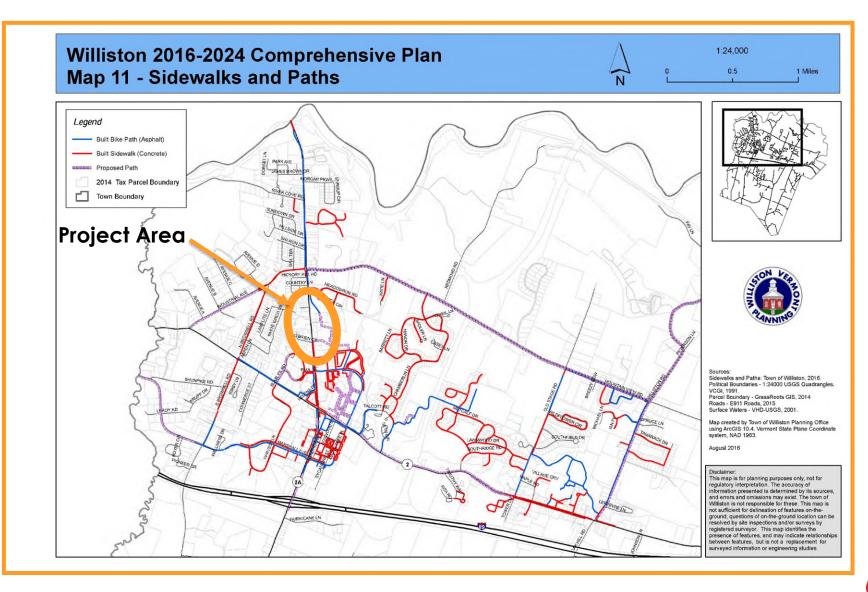


#### **PAC Roles and Responsibilities**

- Attend and participate in PAC meetings
- Review and comment on distributed materials
- Provide guidance, insight, and feedback throughout
- Update representing entities on study progress
- Indicate preferences for improvements



#### **Project Background and Area**





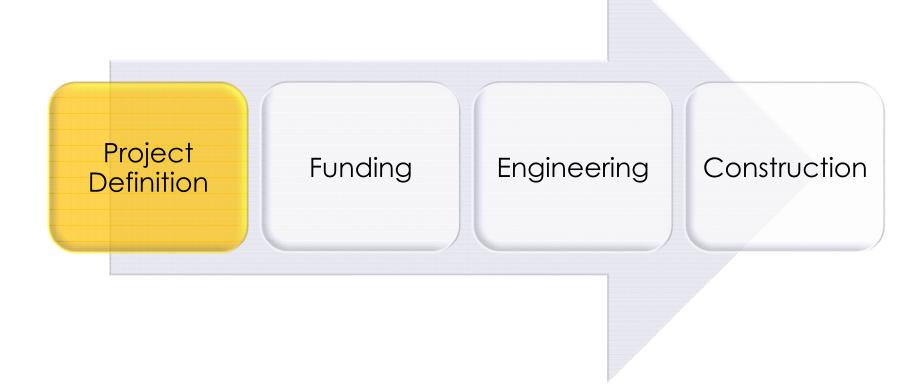
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Study Focus: Bicycles and Pedestrians



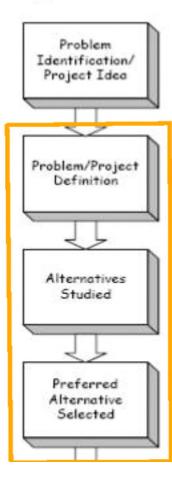
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Typical Stages in the Development and Funding of Transportation Projects



<u>Problem Identification/Project Idea</u> – The process starts when a particular transportation problem is identified or a new idea is put forward. This step can be initiated by members of the public, local elected officials, a private business, a community group, or a public agency. The CCMPO also often identifies problems and projects through its ongoing regional planning process.

<u>Problem/Project Defined</u> – The problem or project idea is brought to the CCMPO by local officials for definition and discussion (development of "purpose and need").

<u>Alternatives Studied</u> – As part of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the CCMPO studies the problem/project idea and examines alternatives through our Technical Assistance and/or Scoping and Project Definition process. In some cases, depending on the scale and complexity of the project, the CCMPO can develop a "quick fix" to resolve the problem quickly.

<u>Preferred Alternative Selected</u> – Working with affected community and the public, the CCMPO facilitates the selection of a preferred alternative, which flows from the study process, for implementation.



#### Study Tasks and Timeline

- Task 1: Data gathering ,existing conditions analysis;
  October-November
- Task 2: Local concerns public meeting; **December**
- Task 3: Alternatives development, PAC meeting workshop; January – February
- Task 4: Alternative evaluation, draft scoping report, PAC meeting ; March
- Task 5: Alternative presentation, final report; April -May



#### **VT 2A Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities**

- Shared Use Path/ Sidewalks beyond project area
- Marked and Signed Bike Lanes to the north
- GMT Bus Orange-Silver Line (no stops within project area)



#### **VT 2A Existing Conditions**

- Speed limit 40
- 13400 AADT
- ROW width 66'

- Some environmental resources within project area
- Aerial utilities on east side



#### **VT Route 2A Existing Conditions**

- Stream crossing 18" culvert
- Wetland Advisory Layer within project area





#### **VT Route 2A Existing Conditions**

- 4 foot shoulders
- Signalized Intersections just beyond project area
- Commercial and residential destinations to north and south



# Beaudry LaneGravel Road

- No bicycle or pedestrian facilities but connects to new path





# Public Input and Solutions

What are the most important conditions, concerns, issues or solutions?

- Safety
- Pedestrian operations
- Bicycle travel

- Transit operations
- Land use changes



#### Next Steps and Public Meeting

- Develop ideas/solutions to address concerns
- Review with PAC members
- Conduct public meeting to seek input on alternatives – March





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