

## 2024 MUNICIPAL PARK-AND-RIDE GRANT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

(a) The General Assembly finds that with increased demand for alternative transportation choices, the need to reduce the number of Singular Occupancy Vehicles, SOVs, and to reduce the amount vehicle pollutants dispersed into the air from the vehicular traffic, municipalities may need assistance in funding Park-and-Ride lot projects.

(b) Grants awarded under this section shall be for preliminary engineering, and construction only of Park-and-Ride lots in municipalities. Any Vermont municipality shall be an eligible applicant. The Agency of Transportation shall develop an application for this demonstration program and notify eligible participants of its availability.

(c) The Agency of Transportation shall develop criteria for approval of applications which shall include, but are not limited to:

(1) Land used must currently be owned by Municipality; (Land can be owned by State of Vermont with an 1111 Permit or privately with minimum twenty year lease) Note that grant funds cannot be used for Right-of-Way or lease expenses.

(2) Lot location must be on or near a State Highway;

(3) Lot must be available for commuters use year around;

(4) Lot size must provide parking spaces for 10 or greater vehicles;

(5) Lot must be maintained by municipality;

(6) Eligible activities may be but not limited to gravel surface, paved surface, lighting and/or signing;

(7) Municipality will collaborate with Public Transit providers when an existing or planned transit route is present;

(d) The sum of \$150,000.00 is appropriated from the transportation fund to the agency of transportation for the purposes of this section.