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**Gov. Shumlin announces Over \$2 million in Transportation Grants for VT Communities**

**MONTPELIER** — Gov. Peter Shumlin and Transportation Secretary Sue Minter today announced the recipients of \$2.1 million in federal funds for municipal grant projects under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The funding will be used for construction projects in Burlington, Jericho, St. Albans, Cabot, Williston, Rutland City, Essex, Colchester, Montgomery, Enosburg Falls, and Killington.

“Investments in infrastructure are key to economic growth in Vermont,” Gov. Shumlin said. “Every little bit helps, and these investments will make a difference for communities around the state.”

The TAP provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to their daily needs, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways.

The TAP committee includes representatives from the Agency of Transportation, the Agency of Natural Resources, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development—including tourism and historic preservation, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies and members of the Vermont House and Senate.

Selected projects include:

**Town of Jericho: \$48,000.00**

Construct 1,620 feet of sidewalk on the west side of Browns Trace north of Jericho Center Green.

**City of Burlington: \$220,316.00**

Construct five new pedestrian crossings.

**Town of Cabot: \$50,000.00**

Relocation of existing salt shed out of a floodplain fluvial erosion hazard area to a new location that is not in a floodplain.

**Town of Williston: \$300,000.00**

Meadow Run shared use path connector project.

**City of St. Albans: \$300,000.00**

Reconstruct sidewalks, construct new crosswalk, apply bicycle “sharrow” symbols.

**Town of Essex: \$286,215.60**

Construct concrete sidewalk with curbing.

**City of Rutland: \$300,000.00**

Construct concrete sidewalk, pedestrian bridge or box culvert.

**Town of Colchester: \$300,000.00**

Construct 4,435 feet of 10' wide separated multi-use path along West Lakeshore Drive.

**Town of Killington: \$227,174.00**

Construct handicapped accessible walkway with lighting, landscaping, buffering and curbing.

**Town of Montgomery: \$11,261.00**

Determining the feasibility of relocating and restoring the Hectorville Covered Bridge.

**Village of Enosburg Falls: \$16,500.00**

Scoping study on a the feasibility of installing a sidewalk.

To learn more about the Transportation Alternatives Program, visit:

<http://vtransengineering.vermont.gov/bureaus/mab/local-projects/transportation-alternatives>

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