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AOT Solicits Applications for Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements

MONTPELIER, Vt. –The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) has issued a grant solicitation for new infrastructure projects that improve access and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. In 2019, awards totaled \$3.6 million for construction and planning projects throughout the state.

“These projects make it possible for more people to walk and bike safely in Vermont communities,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn. “Municipalities across Vermont understand that providing good facilities for walking and bicycling are key factors for livability that can stimulate economic development in our downtowns and improve public health. In light of the current pandemic, providing safe ways for Vermonters to walk and bike is especially important. Supporting our downtowns is critical in helping jumpstart our economy.”

The AOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program improves access and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians through the planning, design, and construction of infrastructure projects. The program improves transportation options for commuters, visitors to the state, and recreational use. Vermont ranks fourth in the nation for the percentage of commuters who bike or walk to work and fourth in per capita spending on bicycle/pedestrian projects, according to the League of American Bicyclists 2018 benchmarking report on bicycling and walking in the U.S.

To learn more about the AOT 2020 grant program and to access the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Guide and Application, visit <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>. Applications must be received by 1:00 p.m., September 30, 2020. A pre-application training webinar will be offered on August 11 and August 12. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to participate.

For more information about the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian program or other AOT initiatives related to bicycling and walking, contact Jon Kaplan at 802-498-4742 or jon.kaplan@vermont.gov.

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