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Agency of Transportation awards Mobility and Transportation Innovation (MTI) Grants

Barre, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) today announced that it has awarded \$500,000 in grants under the Mobility and Transportation Innovation (MTI) program.

"Innovation like this is essential to meeting the transportation needs of Vermont's rural population and reducing greenhouse gas emissions," said Public Transit Manager Ross MacDonald. "This is another exciting step forward for the diversification of our state's transportation system."

The purpose of the MTI program is to incentivize innovative strategies that improve both mobility and access for transit-dependent Vermonters, reduce the use of single occupancy vehicles for work trips, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Agency received 18 proposals and awarded 13 grants. The program is managed by AOT's Public Transit Section and was created by the Legislature with the passage of the 2020 Transportation Bill.

The grants awarded will provide funding for a variety of projects, including the following:

- Extension of existing Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs, such as Bike Share, and purchase of electric bicycles
- Creation of new TDM programs such as microtransit services and car sharing
- Creation of TDM materials and outreach efforts to promote alternative and efficient commuting options and tools, including teleworking resources such as a telework program guide, telework program planning baseline assessment, and telework best practices resources.

More information about the grants awarded and the projects funded is available at the AOT website.