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## AOT Seeking Applications for Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements

Barre, 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 2021, awards totaled more than \$3.8 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. As communities continue to recover from the pandemic, providing safe ways for Vermonters to walk and bike is especially important."

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.

To learn more about this year's grant program and to access the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Guides and Applications, visit <u>https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-</u> <u>projects/bike-ped</u>. Applications must be received by 1:00 p.m., June 8, 2022. A pre-application information and training webinar is planned for April 29 and potential applicants are strongly encouraged to participate.

For more information about the 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Program or other AOT initiatives related to bicycling and walking, contact Peter Pochop at 802-477-3123 or <u>Peter.Pochop@vermont.gov</u>.