

Sharon TAP TA23(8) Village Sidewalk Scoping Study

Introduction

The Sharon Village Sidewalk Scoping Study focuses on pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity within the limits of the designated Village of Sharon, which extends from the intersection of I-89 and VT 132 south to the intersection of VT 132 and VT 14, and along VT 14 from the store previously known as the Midway Station near River Road and Fay Brook Road to approximately 400' east of the intersection of VT 14 and VT 132.

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to develop, design and implement proposed infrastructure improvements that will improve the safety and mobility of pedestrians and bicyclists within the project area and increase areas able to be safely accessed by these users.

Need

The project area includes residential, civic, and commercial land uses that currently have limited or no pedestrian or cyclist accommodations. There is a need for ADA compliant sidewalks and crosswalks, space for safe bicycle use, and other measures to increase driver awareness of the village, non-motorized user visibility, and help reduce motorist speeds throughout the village area. Currently non-motorized users, including elementary and middle school students, must use narrow shoulders or substandard sidewalks, ramps, and crosswalks to travel within the village. The project will need to provide cost-effective solutions to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.