



**Corridor
Planning**
VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION

Route 7 Corridor Plan (Milton – Georgia) Project Introduction

August 23, 2022 at 10am – Partners meeting

Presentation by Katharine Otto, Planning Coordinator at VTrans

Additional materials are available at

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/corridor/us7-Milton-Georgia>

Welcome and Agenda

- Introductions – 5 minutes
- Background – 5 minutes
- Survey highlights – 5 minutes
- How to access the plan – 5 minutes
- Next steps – 5 minutes
- Discussion – 30+ minutes

Goals for Today's Meeting

- Share the draft Corridor Plan
- Refine next steps for items where partners are the lead implementer
- Explain next steps

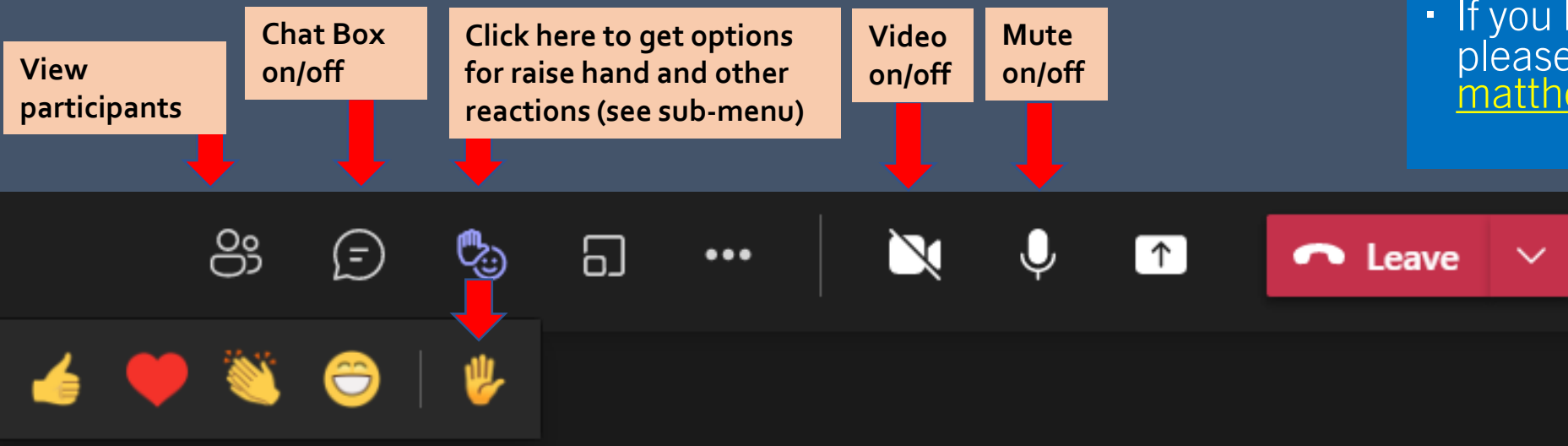
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Today's meeting is being recorded

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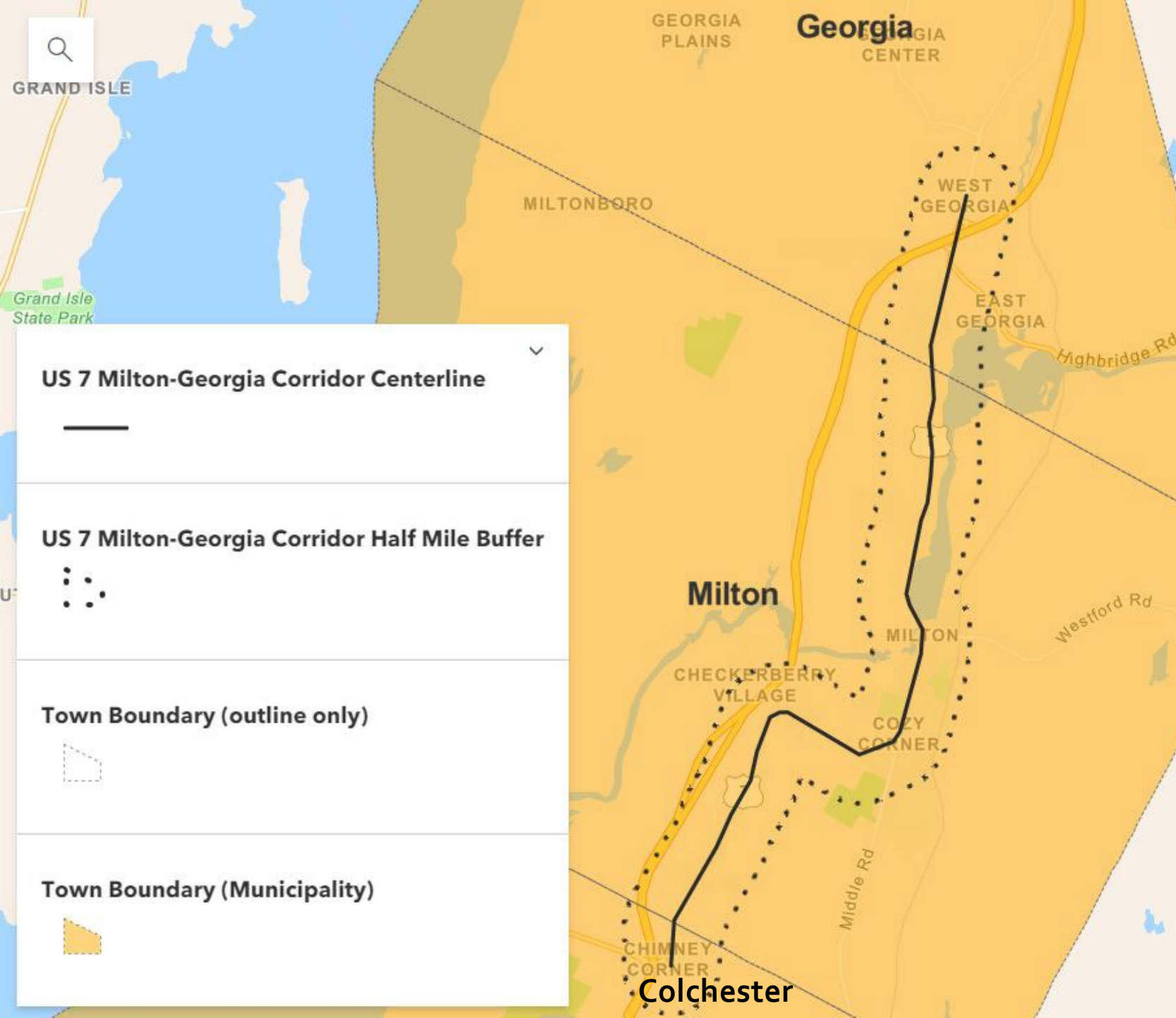
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Introductions

- VTrans staff
- RPC staff – NRPC and CCRPC
- Town staff – Colchester, Milton, Georgia
- Green Mountain Transit
- VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) staff
- Friends of the Northern Lake Champlain
- Others?

Background



Corridor area

- From Route 2 intersection in Colchester, near I-89 exit 17
- To just beyond I-89 exit 18 in Georgia
- Focus on Route 7 Right of Way (ROW) and area directly adjacent to Route 7 if impacts the ROW.

Why are we doing this plan?

Upcoming construction project!

- Remove concrete slabs in the roadway base that were built many years ago
- Expected to be constructed in about 5-7 years
- Identify opportunities to incorporate other improvements if possible.

Corridor Plan Goal

- Identify next steps that can be implemented in the next few years while VTrans or other partners are already doing work along the roadway
 - for example, as part of maintenance activities or existing paving or bridge projects
- Identify longer-term needs where more background work is needed first
 - such as a finding funding, developing partnerships and/or doing more research to identify an appropriate solution.

**Keeping it
real and
actionable!**

TRADITIONAL PLANNING

Identified needs
and vision

Short, medium,
and long-term
ideas

Not necessarily
strong on action



ACTION PLANNING

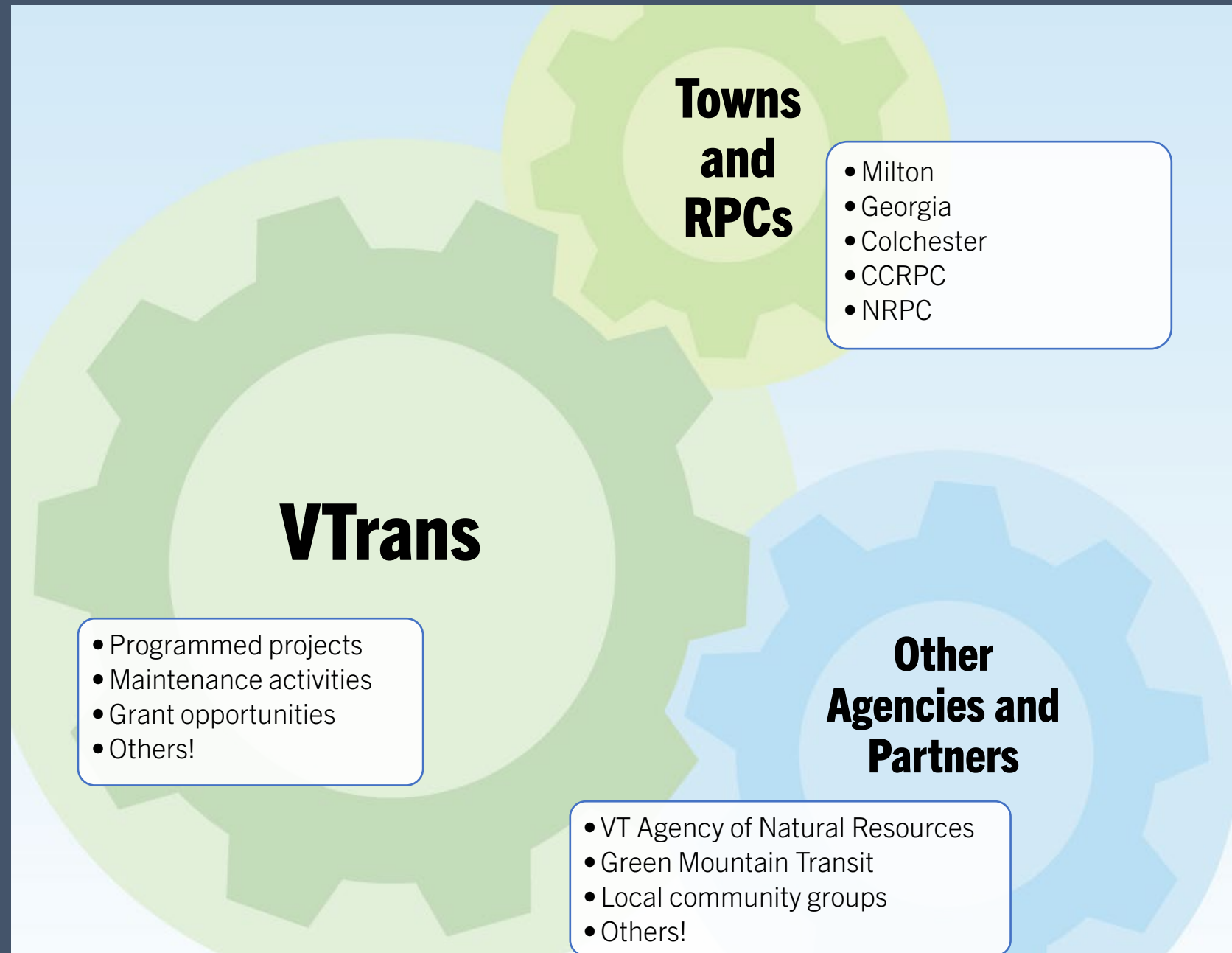
Identify needs,
vision (briefly),
and priorities

Develop
partnerships

Create action items

Get things moving!

Not just VTrans to implement!





Existing plans and documents



VTrans Staff



Partners (Towns, RPCs, other agencies, etc)



Stakeholders/ General Public

Who contributes to the plan?

Where can I view the needs and concerns already identified?



Project website and StoryMap has various interactive maps and descriptions



4 digit ID (5001, 5012, etc) can help you to cross reference between items



Local name – We tried to include them where we knew them!

Project website

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/corridor/us7-Milton-Georgia>

Existing planning documents

- [US Route 7 Milton Corridor Study 2016](#)
- [Georgia South Village Transportation Master Plan 2019](#)

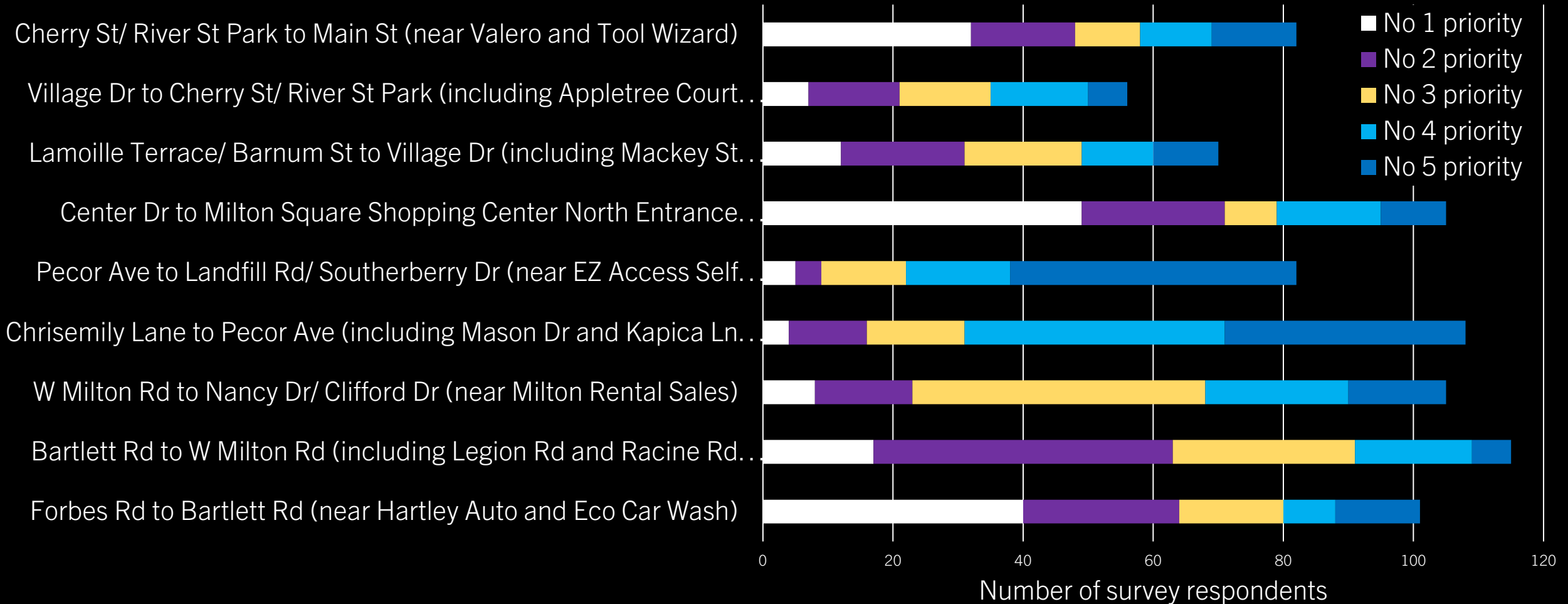
Survey highlights

View “[Public Feedback Summary](#)” on project website for more information

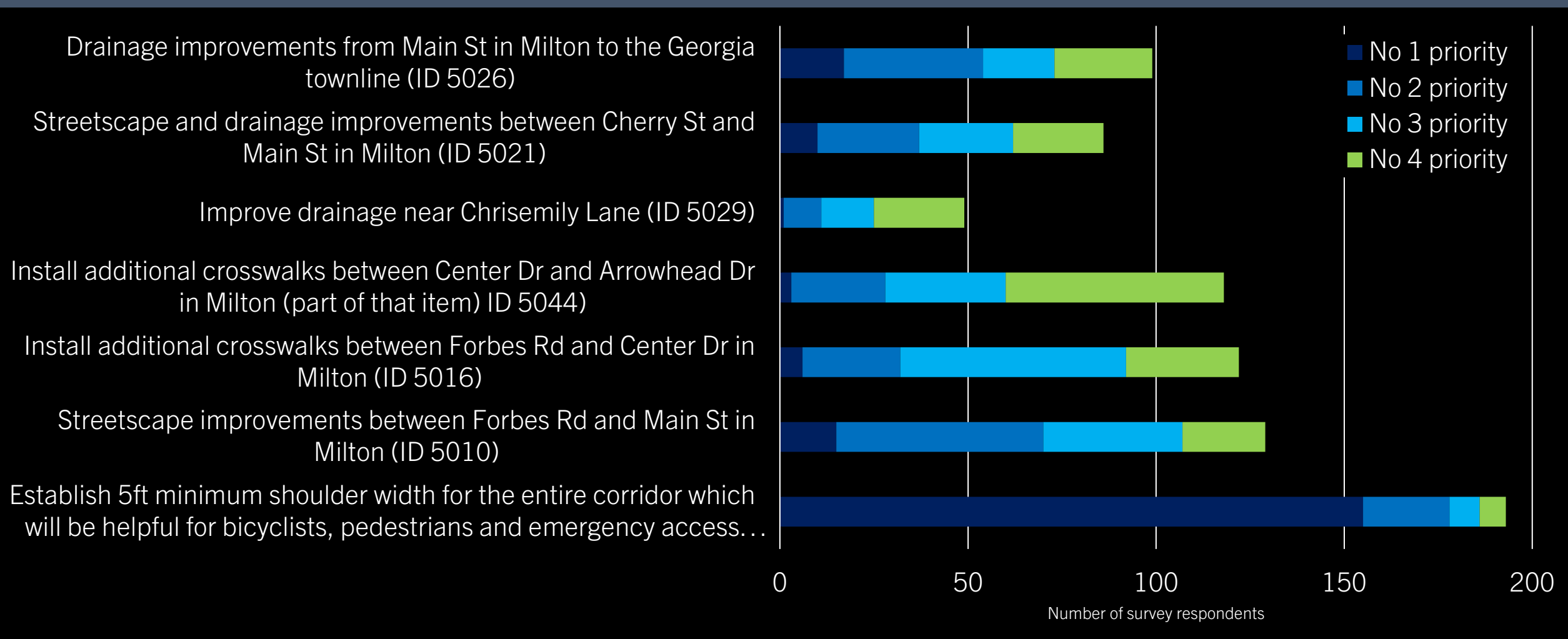
Public Feedback - May – June 2022



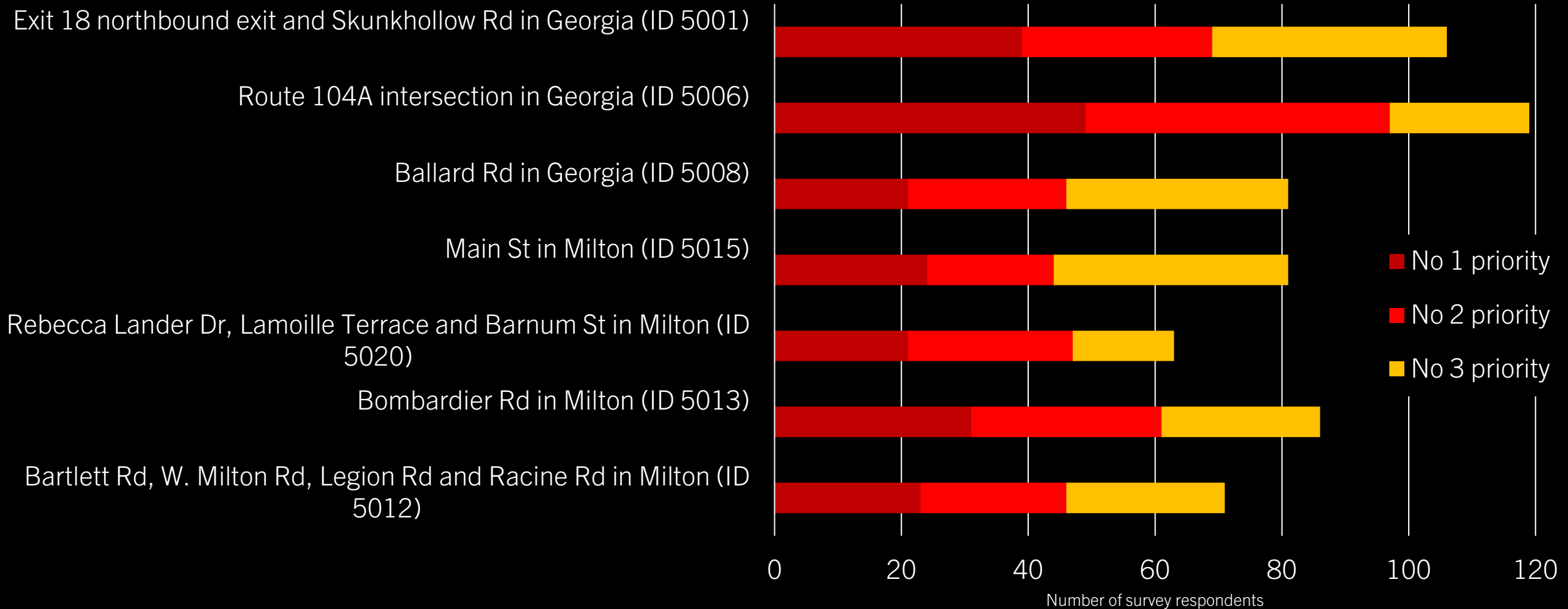
Survey result – Prioritizing crosswalk locations



Survey result – Top ranked needs for consideration in the slab removal project or at the same time



Survey result - Top ranked projects for consideration as a future intersection project



View the plan

View the plan

PDF version is also available:

- Executive Summary
- Table of all needs/ concerns and next steps

VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION Corridor Info

US-7 Milton to Georgia Corridor Plan

All Needs/ Concerns

Enter keywords to search Sort south to north

5012 - Milton - Bartlett Rd, W Milton Rd, Legion Rd, Racine Rd
 Consider additional scoping/ study looking at whether a roundabout or traffic signal should be installed, and considering sidewalks and crosswalks in the area, as well

5078 - Milton - W Milton Rd to Barnum St
 Consider improving facilities for bicycle travel in this area (including to schools) per suggestions from several people within the Stakeholder Survey 2022.

5075 - Milton - W Milton Rd to Nancy Dr/Clifford Dr
 Consider adding crosswalk in this location - it was the fifth highest priority amongst all crosswalk potentials in the 2022 Stakeholder Survey.

5044 - Milton - Nancy Drive to Bridge near Arrowhead Lake
 If this area has shoulders increased to 5ft minimum, consider marking bike lanes. Also add crosswalks along this stretch - third highest priority area for crosswalks in the

5023 - Milton - Nancy Dr/ Clifford Dr to Village Dr
 The Town of Milton is working on various streetscape related projects using a combination of TIF and grant funds which are outlined in the February 2019 Streetscape

Data Filters

All Needs/ Concerns

Show me Short-Term Needs

Show me Needs according to Timeframe

Need/ concern ID:
5012 - Bartlett Rd, W Milton Rd, Legion Rd, Racine Rd

improvement (mobility and/or safety)

Next steps
 Concept submitted as a VPSP2 Regionally Driven Potential Project in Spring 2021. Currently going through VPSP2 Scope Refinement process to

Zoom to 1 of 11

- All identified needs/concerns to date (points)
- All identified needs/concerns to date (lines)
- Corridorwide needs/concerns to date
- Route 9 half-mile buffer
- Town boundary

Need/ concern record

ID - Location	5012 - Bartlett Rd, W Milton Rd, Legion Rd, Racine Rd
Town(s)	Milton -

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What should I review?

For discussion during today's meeting

If you have any additional comments or changes, please email them by 9/6/2022

Next step

- This does not mean the final step (like construction or installation), but the next step activity like getting a study, finding funding, or seeing if it fits in an existing project

Who does what?

- Lead Implementer – the energy behind the next step
- Collaboration opportunities – people who the lead implementer would likely need to work with

Timeline for implementation

- Short term - To be completed within the next 5 years.
 - Maintenance activities, existing or programmed project.
- Medium term - To be completed within a 5 - 10 year range.
 - Implementing the action item may take time due to funding availability, complexities of scope, harmonization, etc.
- Long term - Likely will not be implemented for at least 10 years.
 - Issues of funding, complexity of scope and project integration push the solution to this need out of the short term.
- Await harmonization opportunity
 - Next step does not have its own timeline and instead should await opportunity to "harmonize" with other projects.

Next Steps

What comes next?

Already done

- Reviewed existing plans
- Input from VTrans staff
- Input from Partners (eg Towns, RPCs)

Public outreach

- Survey to solicit needs and priorities
- Public Comment Tool to collect other needs

Review next steps

- Draft next steps developed by VTrans staff
- Meet with Partners

Finalize plan and start to implement

- Expected to finalize in Sept/ Oct
- Share plan with all!

**August/
September 2022**

Update in 2024

- Check in with VTrans staff and partners for updates
- Email update to Partners and Stakeholders

Final Plan

- **9/6/2022 – Comments due from partners**
- **September – resolve any last issues**
- **September/ October – publish final plan**
 - Email to all participants
 - Request partner assistance to share announcement
 - Let me know if there is a meeting I should attend (eg Selectboard)

Strategy for sharing final plan

- Email announcement
- Short video overview of plan
- Website/ StoryMap version of plan
- PDF version of plan – Executive Summary and table
- Am I missing anything?

Website and contact info



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Project website

Includes videos and link to the StoryMap

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Questions or comments?

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Discussion

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Next step

- Does it make sense?
- Have there been any changes so the next steps should be updated?

Who does what?

- Are there any tweaks needed?
 - Lead Implementer – the energy behind the next step
 - Collaboration opportunities – people who the lead implementer would likely need to work with

Timeline for implementation

- Does it seem realistic?
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 - Await harmonization opportunity