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**NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)**

Round 4 - 2021 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

1. Sponsor Information *(Sponsor is the municipality or school district / SAU that is applying. Contact is the person who will be in responsible charge of the project).*

Sponsor Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Contact Name:

Title:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Governing Regional Planning Commission:

2. Project Information

Map: *(A map is required as part of the application. Map must be scanned as a pdf file. Map should include street names, State route numbers, project details, identification of resources, north arrow, and a scale)*

MAP SUBMITTED

Eligible TAP Activities: *Check the eligible TAP activity(s) that your project is proposing.*

Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic-calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq).

Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.

Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users.

The Safe Routes to School Program eligible projects and activities listed at section 1404(f) of the SAFETEA-LU: Infrastructure-related projects only.

Description of work being proposed:

(Clearly describe purpose and need for project as well as project goals and objectives)

Resources within project limits:

(List all cultural, archeological, and natural resources, as well as any known hazardous materials in project limits)

Project Details

Road Name(s) *(List all roads in project limits)*

State Route Number: *(List all State route numbers or N/A if on a municipal road)*

Railroad: *(List name of railroad corridor if rail trail or rail with trail project)*

Other: *(If off-road path, describe beginning and ending termination locations)*

Length of Project: *(If more than one location, provide total length of proposed improvement)*

Width of proposed improvement: *(If width isn't consistent, provide an average width for majority of improvements)*

Surface Type: *(List Paved, Concrete, Gravel, Stone Dust, etc. for all proposed improvements)*

Ownership: *(List the entity that owns the land in the limits of your proposed improvements)*

3. Project Cost Estimate

Identify the estimated project costs under each of the phases below.

A) Design/Engineering: \$
(Costs for engineering study, preliminary design, environmental review, identifying and establishing right-of-way, easements preparation, final design, and bid phase services)

B) Right-Of-Way: \$
(Cost of easement acquisition and/or land acquisition)

C) Construction: \$
(Cost of constructing project, materials, and labor)

D) Construction Engineering: \$
(Cost of engineering oversight for the project. Oversight needs to be almost fulltime.)

Project Total: \$
(Min. \$400,000 Max \$1,250,000)

Identify the amount of federal funding you are applying for.

If you are overmatching your project to get your total up to \$400,000 or over \$1,250,000 you add the additional funds to your required match and put that in the Match\$ box below. Your % federal funds will be adjusted based on your amount of overmatch. If you are adding funds that will be in addition to the amount of federal funds and match for your project those are considered non-participating funds. In this case you put the additional funds in the non-participating box. This is usually done if you want to do additional work that may not be eligible under the TAP program but you want the work done under the overall contract.

Federal \$
(\$1,000,000 Max. \$320,000 Min. for federal amount requested)

%
(80% Max. for TAP reimbursement)

Match \$
(Enter amount of local match and additional funds if applicable)

%

Non-Participating \$

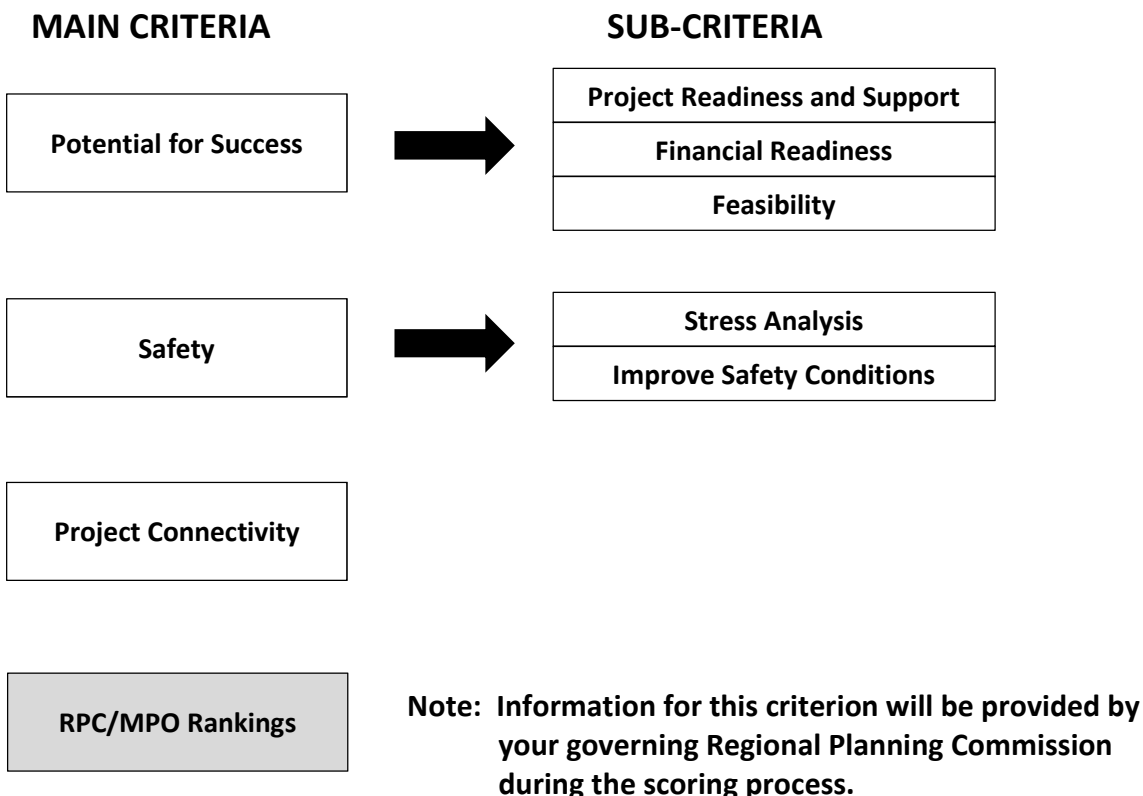
Funding Total \$
(Min. \$400,000 Max.\$1,250,000)

Reason for non-participating funds

4. Evaluation Criteria (*Applications will be scored on criteria developed by the Department's Transportation Alternatives Program Advisory Committee (TAPAC). The TAPAC developed these criteria to select the best applications for funding.*)

There are four main criteria and five sub-criteria that will be used to evaluate projects and are listed below:

- **RPC/MPO Ranking criterion, Section D will be done by the governing regional planning commission using the information provided in the application. Application will be submitted to the Department and the Department will forward copies to the Regional Planning Commissions**



A) Potential for Success: Sponsor will need to demonstrate the factors that will indicate a project's likeliness to succeed.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: All applications must include a letter of support from the Sponsor's governing body committing to actively engaging and leading the project. Application will not be accepted without this letter.

Letter of support attached:

- **Project Readiness and Support:** *Is the project part of a local and/or regional plan and effort, and has it been endorsed by local and regional bodies and advocacy groups? That is, did you build your case about the importance of this project to many constituents like conservation commission, planning board, other local groups? Is it part of a regional plan or have RPC/TAC support? Is it part of a master plan or other planning document? (Number of constituents and/or planning documents will be used for scoring)*

- **Financial Readiness:** *(TAP is a reimbursement program. Sponsor will have to gross appropriate funds for the entire project. (The Department reimburses a maximum of 80% of each reimbursement request.) Explain how the project will be funded and the timeline for funding. Is there a written commitment to bring this project forward for approval of funds at town meeting, through capital reserve funds, through inclusion in the capital improvement plan, etc. or are there funds already raised/appropriated and dedicated to this project?*

- **Feasibility:** *Address historic, cultural, environmental, maintenance, possible areas of contamination, and other related issues that may impact the project's ability to succeed. Applicant should discuss issue and how it will be addressed. Discuss impacts to project timeline and possible financial impacts.*

B) Safety: Projects will need to demonstrate the extent to which the project will improve safety conditions and/or reduce the perception of user stress as a result of the project being implemented. This criterion will be rated on the difference between the stress level of the existing condition versus the anticipated stress level of the proposed project.

- **Stress Analysis:**

- *Describe the existing stress level of your project area as it exists today without the proposed project and based on the scale below, assign it a letter. You must justify why you chose the letter.*
- *Describe the anticipated stress level for the project area after the proposed project is completed and based on the scale below, assign it a letter. You must justify why you chose the letter.*

A - Facility is reasonably safe for all children.

B - Facility can accommodate users with basic skills and knowledge of traffic.

C - Facility requires an intermediate level of skill and knowledge of traffic to use.

D - Facility requires an advanced level of skill and knowledge of traffic to use.

E - Facility is generally not suitable for pedestrians or bicyclists.

- **Improve Safety Conditions:** *Improvement over existing safety conditions - are there very specific actions that are being taken to improve safety. What specific safety improvements will be made? If there is information, (road safety audit, corridor study, etc.) to support it, please provide it in pdf format with your application. Only specific actions and improvements will be used for scoring - anecdotal information will not be used.*

C) Project Connectivity: Project will need to demonstrate how it enables movement from origins to destinations, how it fits in with the larger transportation network and identify any other modes it will serve.

- *Does the project fill a vital gap in an existing transportation network or phased plan? Does it provide a standalone new facility that did not exist previously? Is it part of a larger phased plan? List the different modes and destinations it link together? Please describe in detail all connections, and if part of a phased plan what will the proposed improvement accomplish? Is it the first phase, middle phase or final phase of the plan.*

D) RPC/MPO Rankings: This section will be completed by the local Regional Planning Commission for your project.

- *The Department will send applications to the local Regional Planning Commissions to score and develop a regional ranking. This information will then be incorporated into the final score of projects.*

NO ACTION NEEDED FROM APPLICANT FOR SECTION D

Only one application will be accepted per municipality

- *The Department received 43 letters of interest requesting more than \$29.6 million in federal funds.*

5) Application Submission Information: The application is an adobe .pdf form and it must be saved and copied to our Department FTP site. Any supporting documents like the Map, Letter of support and other supporting documentation need to be submitted with the application in pdf format and saved to the FTP site. Directions on accessing the Department FTP site are below. A tutorial on accessing the FTP site and copying files will be on the TAP website.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 11:59PM FRIDAY MARCH 19, 2021!

Failure to meet this deadline will result in your project being removed from the scoring process.

Submission Guidelines

Format: Application form ***must*** be saved electronically as a pdf and then copied to the Department FTP site. All supporting maps, letters and other documents must be saved as a pdf and transmitted saved to the Department FTP site with the application form.

Naming Convention: The FTP site has one folder for all submissions, **TAP Applications Round 4**. To keep track of the applications and attachments it is ***essential*** you follow the following naming convention. Name of town/city followed by file.

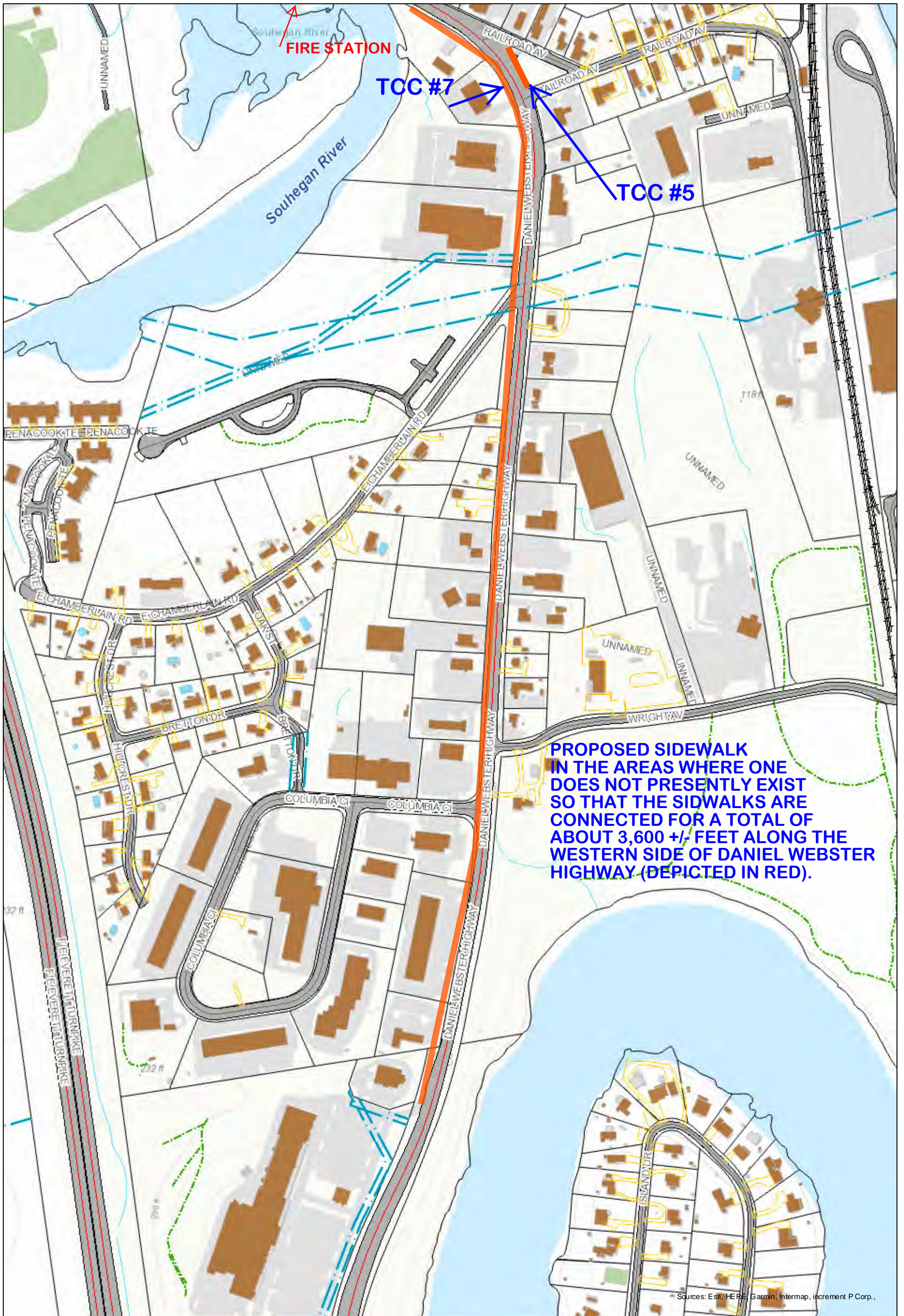
Example: **ConcordApplication.pdf ConcordMAP.pdf ConcordLetterOfSupport.pdf**

Failure to follow this naming convention will cause confusion and could result in applications and/or attachments being lost.

A TUTORIAL DOCUMENT WILL BE PUT ON THE TAP WEBSITE. THIS DOCUMENT WILL SHOW HOW TO ACCESS THE FTP SITE, HOW TO COPY FILES TO THE SITE AND TO EXPLAIN THE REQUIRED NAMING CONVENTION

Submission: All files must be received on or before 11:59 PM Friday March 19, 2021.

Direct any questions to: Tom Jameson, email: thomas.e.jameson@dot.nh.gov , phone: 271-3462

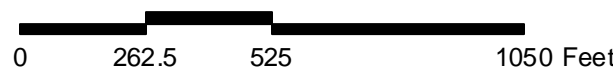


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IN THE AREAS WHERE ONE
DOES NOT PRESENTLY EXIST
SO THAT THE SIDEWALKS ARE
CONNECTED FOR A TOTAL OF
ABOUT 3,600 +/- FEET ALONG THE
WESTERN SIDE OF DANIEL WEBSTER
HIGHWAY (DEPICTED IN RED).**

DANIEL WEBSTER HIGHWAY SIDEWALK

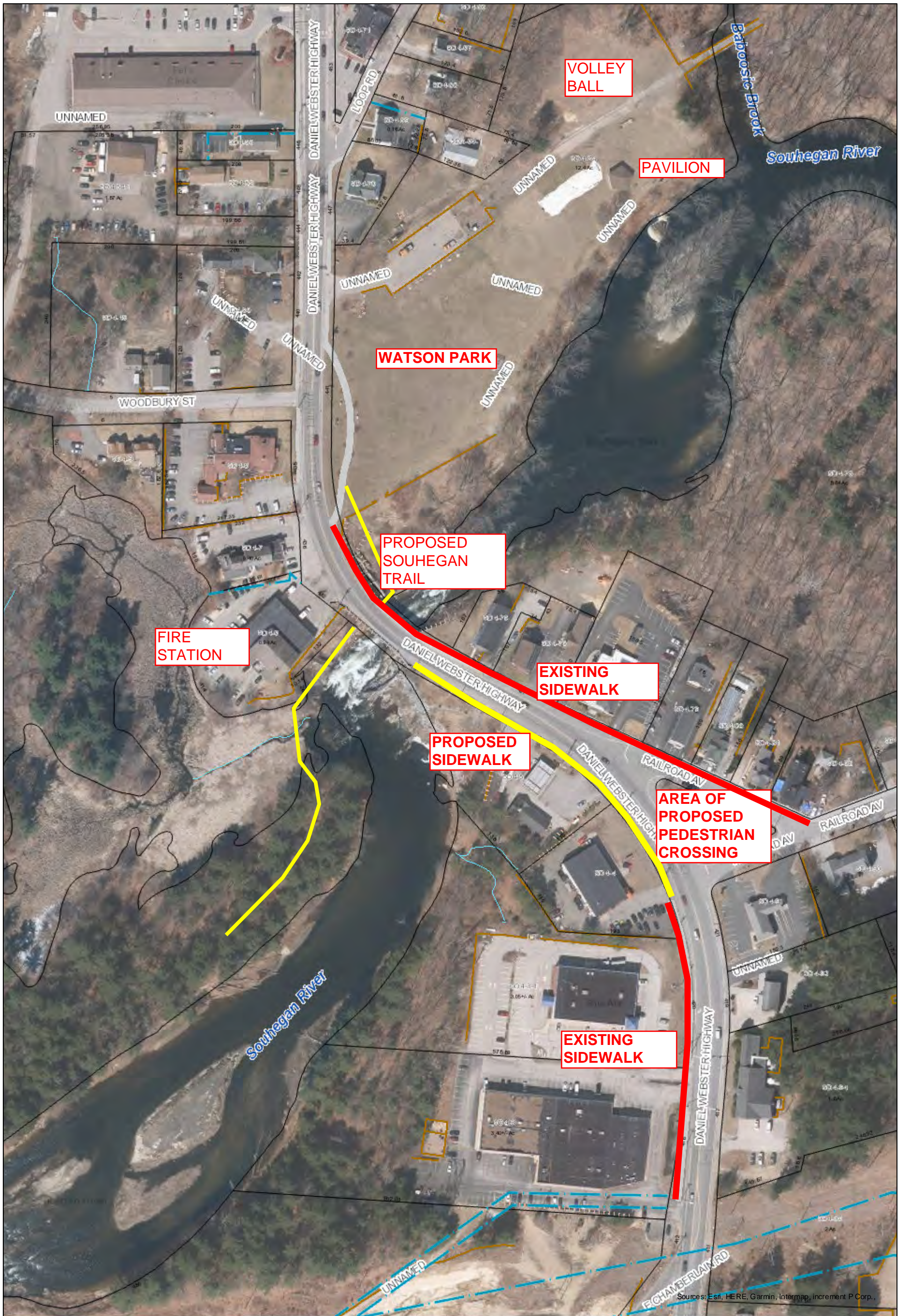
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6 BABOOSIC LAKE RD
MERRIMACK, NH 03054
SCALE: 1 INCH = 400 FEET
DATE: JANUARY 21, 2021

Town of
Merrimack
New Hampshire



Legend			
	Driveways		Waterbody
	Building		Highway
	Pool		Railroad
	Easements		Trails
	Parcels		Streams/Rivers
	Road Labels		Wetland
			Pavement
			Parking
			Cemetery
			Recreation

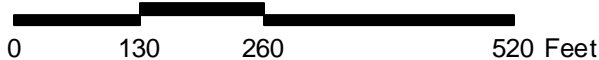
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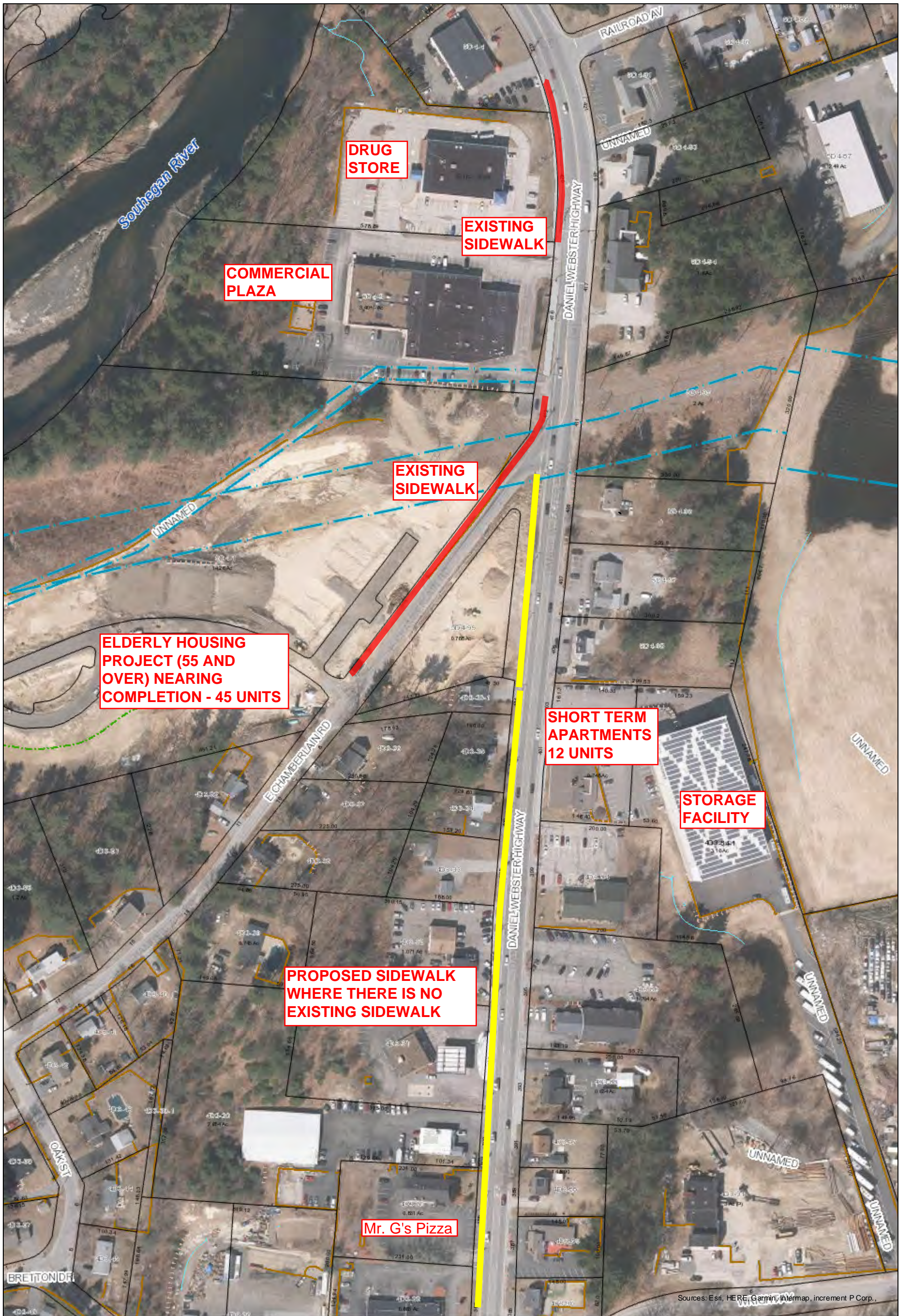
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 MERRIMACK, NH 03054
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 DATE: MARCH 18, 2021

Town of Merrimack
 New Hampshire



Legend					
	Easements		Railroad		Streams/Rivers
	Parcels		Trails		Waterbody
	Road Labels		Wall		Wetland
	Guardrails		Fence		Cemetery
	Sidewalk		Stream Label		

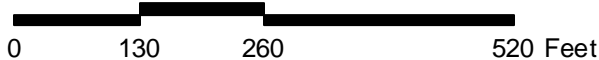
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DANIEL WEBSTER HWY - SHEET 3

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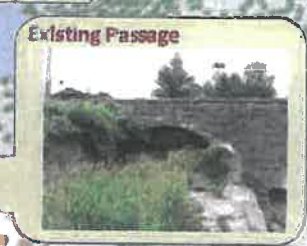
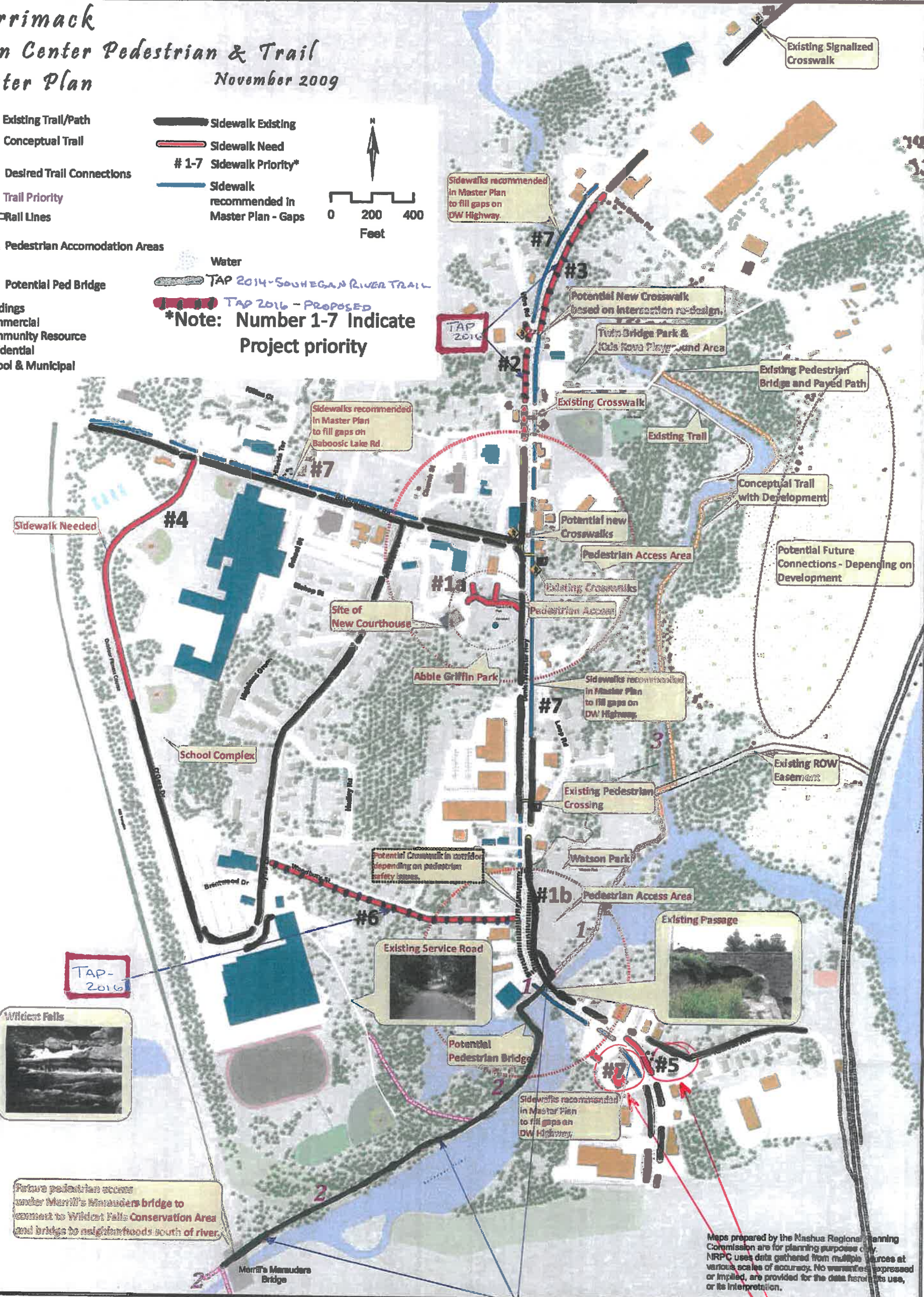
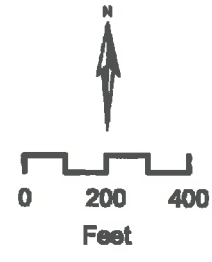
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Merrimack Town Center Pedestrian & Trail Master Plan

November 2009

- Existing Trail/Path
 - Conceptual Trail
 - Desired Trail Connections
 - 1-3 Trail Priority
 - Rail Lines
 - Pedestrian Accomodation Areas
 - Potential Ped Bridge
 - Buildings
 - Commercial
 - Community Resource
 - Residential
 - School & Municipal
 - Sidewalk Existing
 - Sidewalk Need
 - # 1-7 Sidewalk Priority*
 - Sidewalk recommended in Master Plan - Gaps
 - Water
 - TAP 2014-Souhegan River Trail
 - TAP 2016 - PROPOSED
- *Note: Number 1-7 Indicate Project priority



Future pedestrian access under Merril's Marauders bridge to connect to Wildcat Falls Conservation Area and bridge to neighborhoods south of river.

Maps prepared by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission are for planning purposes only. NRPC uses data gathered from multiple sources at various scales of accuracy. No warranties, expressed or implied, are provided for the data hereof its use, or its interpretation.

TAP 2014-Souhegan River Trail

TAP 2021 OWH



TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH

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January 29, 2021

Thomas Jameson
TAP Program Manager
NHDOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance
7 Hazen Drive, PO Box 483
Concord, NH 03302-0483

Dear Mr. Jameson,

Please accept this letter of support for the Transportation Alternatives Program Application submitted by the Town of Merrimack for the sidewalk project along Daniel Webster Highway. The Town Council and the Town Manager all support this project.

On November 16, 2009, the Town Council formally authorized the Town Center Committee to implement the Merrimack Town Center Pedestrian and Trail Master Plan. Through their efforts a number of projects on the Master Plan have been implemented. Collaboration between the Public Works Department and the Town Center Committee have brought us closer to completing another key part of the plan by continuing with priorities #5 and #7 on the Master Plan. Receipt of the TAP Grant would allow the Town to complete those priorities in FY21.

The Public Works Department has already put a line item in the Capital Improvement Plan of (2021 – 2027).

Thank you and the DOT for your consideration of Merrimack’s application. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Paul T. Micali
Assistant Town Manager

Assessing P: 603-424-5136 F: 603-424-0461	Community Development P: 603-424-3531 F: 603-424-1408	Finance P: 603-424-7075 F: 603-424-0516	Human Resources P: 603-424-2331 F: 603-424-0461	Media Services P: 603-423-8561 F: 603-424-0461
Public Assistance P: 603-423-8535 F: 603-424-0516	Public Works Administration P: 603-424-5137 F: 603-424-1408	Town Council P: 603-424-2331 F: 603-424-0461	Town Manager P: 603-424-2331 F: 603-424-0461	



Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

Community Development Department

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Town Hall - Lower level - East Wing

Planning - Zoning - Economic Development - Conservation

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Fax 603 424-1408

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February 6, 2021

Thomas Jameson
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Dear Mr. Jameson,

Please accept this letter of support for the Transportation Alternatives Program Application submitted by the Town of Merrimack for the sidewalk project along Daniel Webster Highway. For reasons stated below, the Merrimack Planning Board supports this project.

The Town Center Committee adopted the *Merrimack Town Center Pedestrian and Trail Master Plan* on November 16, 2009. Through the Committee's efforts a number of projects on their Master Plan have been implemented. Collaboration between the Public Works Department and the Town Center Committee has brought the Town closer to completing another key part of the Master Plan.

Priorities #5 and #7 of the *Town Center Master Plan* are a significant part of this project. The extension of these sidewalks further down Daniel Webster Highway will allow for a significant connectivity between a recently approved residential unit complex and the commercial area of the Town Center (as designated in the plan). This project will also allow for the connection of several shorter segments of sidewalk that presently exist down Daniel Webster Highway (NH Route 3).

Additionally, this application supports the goals and objectives of the 2019 *Route 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*, adopted by the Planning Board in January 2020 as an appendix to the Town's 2013 Master Plan.

The Public Works Department has already put a line item in the Capital Improvement Plan of (2021 - 2027) for this sidewalk project.

Thank you and the DOT for your consideration of Merrimack's application. We look forward to providing any support needed to advance this project.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Thompson, AICP
Community Development Director

On behalf of Robert Best, Planning Board Chair



TOWN OF MERRIMACK, New Hampshire

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February 19, 2021

Thomas Jameson
TAP Program Manager
NHDOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance
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Concord, NH 03302-0483

Dear Mr. Jameson,

Please accept this letter of support from the Town of Merrimack Town Center Committee, for the Transportation Alternatives Program Application submitted by the Town of Merrimack for the sidewalk project along Daniel Webster Highway.

Town Center Committee prepared the "Merrimack Town Center Pedestrian and Trail Master Plan" which was accepted by Town Council on November 16, 2009. Throughout the years, efforts have been made to work towards implementing each one of the projects identified on the Master Plan. Collaboration between the Public Works Department and the Town Center Committee has brought the Town closer to completing another key part of the Master Plan. Priorities outlined as #5 and #7 on the Master Plan are a significant part of this project that will lead directly into the Town Center.

As an extension from the original Town Center Pedestrian and Trail Master Plan, the Town of Merrimack Planning Board adopted the "2019 Route 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan" in January 2020. The continuation of the sidewalk down Daniel Webster Highway (US Route 3) will begin the work that is outlined to integrate the South Part of the Urban Compact with the Town Center. The Route 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan can be found as an appendix to the Town's 2013 Master Plan.

The extension of these sidewalks further down Daniel Webster Highway will allow for a significant connectivity between a recently approved residential unit complex at the Merrimack 360 Plaza and the commercial downtown area. This project will also allow for the connection of several shorter segments of sidewalk that presently exist down Daniel Webster Highway (US Route 3), making one cohesive sidewalk.

Thank you and the DOT for your consideration of Merrimack's application. We look forward to providing any support needed to advance this project.

Sincerely,

Nelson Disco, Chairman
Town Center Committee

MERRIMACK POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Brian K. Levesque
Chief of Police

Matthew J. Tarleton
Deputy Chief of Police

March 18, 2021

Thomas Jameson
TAP Program Manager
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Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483

RE: Town of Merrimack TAP Application

Mr. Jameson:

Please accept my letter in support of the Town of Merrimack's Transportation Alternatives Program Application with regard to the sidewalk project along the main roadway through town, Daniel Webster Highway. Not only do I support this application and appreciate your consideration with regard to same, I know that our Town Council and Town Manager are likewise in support thereof.

Some time ago, in November 2009, the Merrimack Town Council authorized a master plan prepared by our local Town Center Committee which sought, in part, to create a town center pedestrian walkway and trail system. Subsequently, the plan was extended to include a bicycle path. Since that time, various groups including the Town Center Committee, Merrimack Planning Board, and our Public Works Department have worked together in collaboration toward the common goal of improving and implementing the various projects contained within the master plan. Toward that end, we are seeking your assistance in considering the Town of Merrimack's TAP application which would allow the extension and continuation of the sidewalks along Daniel Webster Highway and allow connectivity between a residential and business area located at Merrimack 360 to the center of town.

From a safety standpoint, I firmly believe that the proposed TAP grant will allow us to provide for safer pedestrian and bicycle travel as it will allow foot traffic to remain off of the roadway and, thereby, away from the vehicle traffic. Too often, safety is compromised when vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists are sharing the same thoroughfare. The proposed sidewalk extension will effectively eliminate the hazards and dangers which currently exist along Daniel Webster Highway in Merrimack.

I would request your support for the Town of Merrimack's Transportation Alternatives Program Application and appreciate your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "BK Levesque", written in a cursive style.

Brian K. Levesque
Chief of Police



Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

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March 18, 2021

Thomas Jameson, P.E.
TAP Program Manager
NHDOT, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance
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RE: Transportation Alternatives Program Application Round 4

Dear Mr. Jameson,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit an application for inclusion in the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Round 4. Please find enclosed with this letter, the TAP Application for the Town of Merrimack, letters of support, photos, maps and along with accompanying backup materials.

The Town is looking forward to working with NHDOT on this sidewalk project. Should you have any questions please contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Dawn B. Tuomala, PE, LLS, CWS
Deputy Director/Town Engineer

CC: Eileen Cabanel, Town Manager
Paul Micali, Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager
Kyle Fox, PE, Public Works Director
File



Town Council Meeting Minutes



Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Matthew Thornton Room

Call to Order

Chairman Koenig called the meeting to order. Present at the meeting were Chairman Koenig, Vice Chair Boyd, Councilor Harrington, Councilor Rothhaus, Councilor Albert, Councilor Healey, Councilor Woods, and Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Koenig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

Upcoming Town Council meetings: Thursday, February 11, 2021, 7:00 PM Regular meeting and Thursday, February 25, 2021, 7:00 PM Regular meeting

Chairman Koenig read the following statement:

On June 4, 2020, Saint-Gobain formally requested of NH DES, a one-year extension (by variance) of their February 11, 2021 deadline to complete construction and installation of a Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO) to control the air pollutants from their Merrimack plant. If granted, the one-year extension would have allowed the RTO to be installed by February 11, 2022.

NI-IDES conducted a comprehensive review of the one-year extension petition request including comments submitted by the Town of Merrimack, and members of the public. Based on state law, RSA 125- C:16, which says, in part, " No variance shall be granted to any person applying therefor who is causing air pollution which creates a danger to public health, welfare or safety," NI-IDES declined to allow Saint- Gobain's requested extension.

On January 11, 2021, one month before the RTO was required to be installed and despite filing monthly RTO status reports with no mention of this fact, Saint Gobain informed the Town that the RTO will not be installed and operating to control its PFAS emissions by the permit deadline of February 11, 2021 and most likely will not be completed until June of 2021.

The Town is outraged by this news which defies the terms of the permit and NHDES' denial of an extension. We will continue to monitor NI-IDES' response and vigorously pursue any legal action available to protect the Town citizens and environmental resources from these ongoing toxic and illegal emissions.

Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali announced that the deadline to file petition warrant articles is Tuesday February 9th and the deadline to file petition bonds is Friday February 5th.

Comments from the Press and Public

None

Recognitions, Resignations and Retirements

None

Appointments

None

Public Hearing

None

1 **Legislative Updates from State Representatives**

2 Greetings, Town Councilors: Bills are starting to be heard in a hybrid (in-person and remote) manner
3 in House and Senate Committees.
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5 Prior to his passing, the late Speaker Dick Hinch asked that I work with the Merrimack Citizens for
6 Clean Water on two legislative issues. As a result, I am the prime sponsor of [HB 478](#) (An
7 ACT relative to treatment of PFAS contaminants in the drinking water of the Merrimack Village Water
8 District). I have attached the full text of the bill to this correspondence. Additionally, Laurene Allen
9 of the Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water will submit a separate statement of support to you.
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11 In sum, the bill extends the operations and maintenance remedy in the March 2018 Agreement between
12 the Merrimack Village Water District and Saint Gobain Performance Plastics. HB 478 calls for Saint
13 Gobain to pay "all costs associated with the continued operation, monitoring and maintenance and any
14 necessary additional modifications thereto" and "all additional incidental operation and maintenance
15 costs of wells 4 and 5" beginning on October 27, 2025 and continuing for so long as Merrimack
16 Village Water District treats water in wells 4 and 5 to comply with "any existing or future water quality
17 standards set for PFAS." NOTE: The October 2025 date is five years from the installation of the
18 GAC filtration treatment system in wells 4 and 5.
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20 The co-sponsors on this bill represent a cross-section of legislators from both parties in leadership from
21 across the state, as well as Merrimack. The co-sponsors and I would like your support especially at
22 the upcoming hearing set for February 17, 2021 at 10AM in the House Resources, Recreation and
23 Development Committee. Instructions to register support and/or testify can be found
24 here: <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/misc/House%20Remote%20Testimony%20Directions.pdf>.
25 Additionally, written testimony may be emailed directly to all House Committee members via this
26 email address: HouseResourcesRecreationandDevelopment@leg.state.nh.us Thank you for all you
27 do. Respectfully submitted, Rep. Maureen Mooney (R-Merrimack)
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29 **Town Manager's Report**

30 None
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32 **Consent Agenda**

33 None
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35 **Old Business**

36 **1. Turkey Hill Road / Baboosic Lake Road Intersection Improvements Follow-up Discussion**

37 *Submitted by Deputy Public Works Director / Town Engineer Dawn Tuomala*

38 The Town Council reviewed and discussed the projected configuration and costs/engineering estimates
39 for the Baboosic Lake Road and Turkey Hill Road roundabout. Dawn Tuomala explained the current
40 design challenges such as sight distance, fence line, road curve and many turning movements. She
41 stated that since 2005 there have been 33 accidents at this intersection. She stated that a round about
42 provides improvements to sight distance, slows traffic, safer intersections and is a definitive entry to
43 the town center. Dawn Tuomala advised the Town Council that the field surveys have been
44 completed. Public hearing and resident letters were sent to those affected. The public hearing was held
45 in March 2020. She recapped the changes that have been made to the plan including better access to
46 Glenwood Lane. Dawn Tuomala stated that after receiving the cost estimate she asked for an estimate
47 to construct a T-intersection. She stated that she has dissected the plan looking for areas to cut cost.
48

49 Dawn Tuomala presented the cost comparisons of the round-about design \$660,000 and the T-
50 intersection \$406,000. She stated that there is \$300,000 in the Highway CRF for this project.

1 Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali advised the Town Council that there are funds
2 available in the road infrastructure CRF.

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4 Councilor Albert stated that he is in favor of the round-about. He does not want to do nothing. He
5 spoke about the dangers of the intersection. He spoke about the back ups that could happen when
6 school is in session. Councilor Healey stated that she is not in favor of the round-about. She
7 expressed concern that the residents on Glenwood will not be able to access the round-about.

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9 Vice Chair Boyd is concerned about the restricted access for Glenwood Lane. He stated that he
10 supports the concept of round-about verses the T-intersection. He would prefer that the Glenwood
11 Lane restriction be reconsidered. Dawn Tuomala stated that it was given consideration, but it did not
12 work well. Councilor Woods agrees with Councilor Albert. He spoke about the traffic congestion
13 before and after school. Councilor Harrington supports the round-about concept. Vice Chair Boyd
14 would like to review the engineering design as it relates to Glenwood Lane. Assistant Town
15 Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali stressed that the Fire Department requested and supports the
16 design as presented.

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18 **MOTION made by Councilor Woods and seconded by Councilor Harrington to approve the**
19 **plans as presented to go forward with the round-about utilizing the funding from the Highway**
20 **Capital Reserve account. MOTION CARRIES 6-1-0 Councilor Healey voted in the negative**

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22 **New Business**

23 **1. 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application**

24 *Submitted by Deputy Public Works Director / Town Engineer Dawn Tuomala*

25 The Town Council reviewed the proposed sidewalk project for the new round of TAP Applications –
26 Daniel Webster Highway between Souhegan River and Merrimack 360. Dawn Tuomala advised the
27 Town Council that the amount of the grant is up to \$1,250,000. She reviewed the Town Center
28 Committee’s top three sidewalk priorities. This project would span 3600 feet of sidewalk. Dawn
29 Tuomala explained that she could foresee right of way issues. She advised the Town Council that she
30 is in the beginning stages of preparation and review, but the letter of interest and a map is due next
31 Friday. She will be required to attend pre-application meeting. She stated that at the meeting she will
32 told when the application is due.

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34 Councilor Healey asked how much money the Town would be responsible for. Dawn Tuomala stated
35 the grant is 80/20, the town’s portion would be 20% and that would come from capital reserve funds.
36 Councilor Healey questioned the maintenance of the new sidewalk. Assistant Town Manager/Finance
37 Director Paul Micali stated that the town would be responsible for maintaining and plowing the
38 sidewalk. Vice Chair Boyd stated that he supports the project.

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40 **MOTION was made by Councilor Harrington and seconded by Councilor Albert to give**
41 **permission to apply for the fourth round TAP grant and that the Town Council provide a letter**
42 **of support. MOTION CARRIES 7-0-0**

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44 **2. Request Letter of Support for NRPC Statewide Transportation Planning Funds Grant**

45 *Submitted by Welfare Administrator Patricia Murphy*

46 The Town Council considered supporting the Nashua Regional Planning Commission’s (NRPC) grant
47 application for the Statewide Transportation Planning to evaluate Community Transportation Programs
48 in the Greater Nashua area for feasibility of developing new volunteer driver programs to fill in the
49 gaps of need that was identified for Merrimack in the Locally Coordinated Plan for Community
50 Transportation for the Greater Nashua Area. Pat Murphy advised the Town Council that Merrimack
51 has been identified as a community that has gaps in the need for transportation. She stated that the

A. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this project is to develop a bicycle and pedestrian corridor plan for the US Route 3 (Daniel Webster Highway) corridor in Merrimack. This Plan builds on previous efforts to incorporate pedestrian and bicycle travel as vital modes of transportation and recreation in Merrimack.



In November 2009 the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) completed a Town Center Pedestrian and Trail Master Plan for the Town of Merrimack. This plan looked at creating a safe and pedestrian – friendly sidewalk and trail network for the so-called Town Center. The Town Center was defined as the area east of the FEET Turnpike, south of Front Street and north of the Rite-Aid plaza. The Plan established 9 priority Items for sidewalk construction within the Town Center. Six of the recommendations are along Route 3 and three are elsewhere in the Town Center area. The Merrimack Town Center Committee was established by the Merrimack Town Council to implement the plan. Most of the recommendations in the Town Center plan have not been implemented due to funding constraints.

The Town of Merrimack Master Plan was last updated in 2013 and was adopted by the Merrimack Planning Board in January 2014. This plan made several recommendations regarding sidewalk and bicycle paths. Specifically, the Master Plan recommends developing a town-wide pedestrian and bicycle plan that considers design and location standards so that incremental sidewalk construction projects can be integrated into a single uniform network.

In November 2013 the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), which maintains jurisdiction over Route 3, met with the Merrimack Community Development Department to discuss the Town's plans for sidewalks along Route 3 (see Appendix C).

Roadway	Responsible Party
US Route 3 from Bedford Town Line to Bedford Road & from Greeley Street to Nashua Town Line	State
US Route 3 from Bedford Road to Greeley Street	State Road/Local Maintained (Urban Compact)

While supportive of the Town's desire to create a sidewalk system along the US 3 corridor, NHDOT expressed a desire that decisions related to the installation sidewalk segments be consistent with a comprehensive corridor sidewalk plan endorsed by the Town. NHDOT suggested that the Town contact NRPC regarding the possibility of assisting with the development of such a comprehensive Plan. NRPC then worked with the Town to create a scope of work to guide the planning process and this plan and an associated map of the corridor was developed.

B. GOALS OF THIS CORRIDOR PLAN

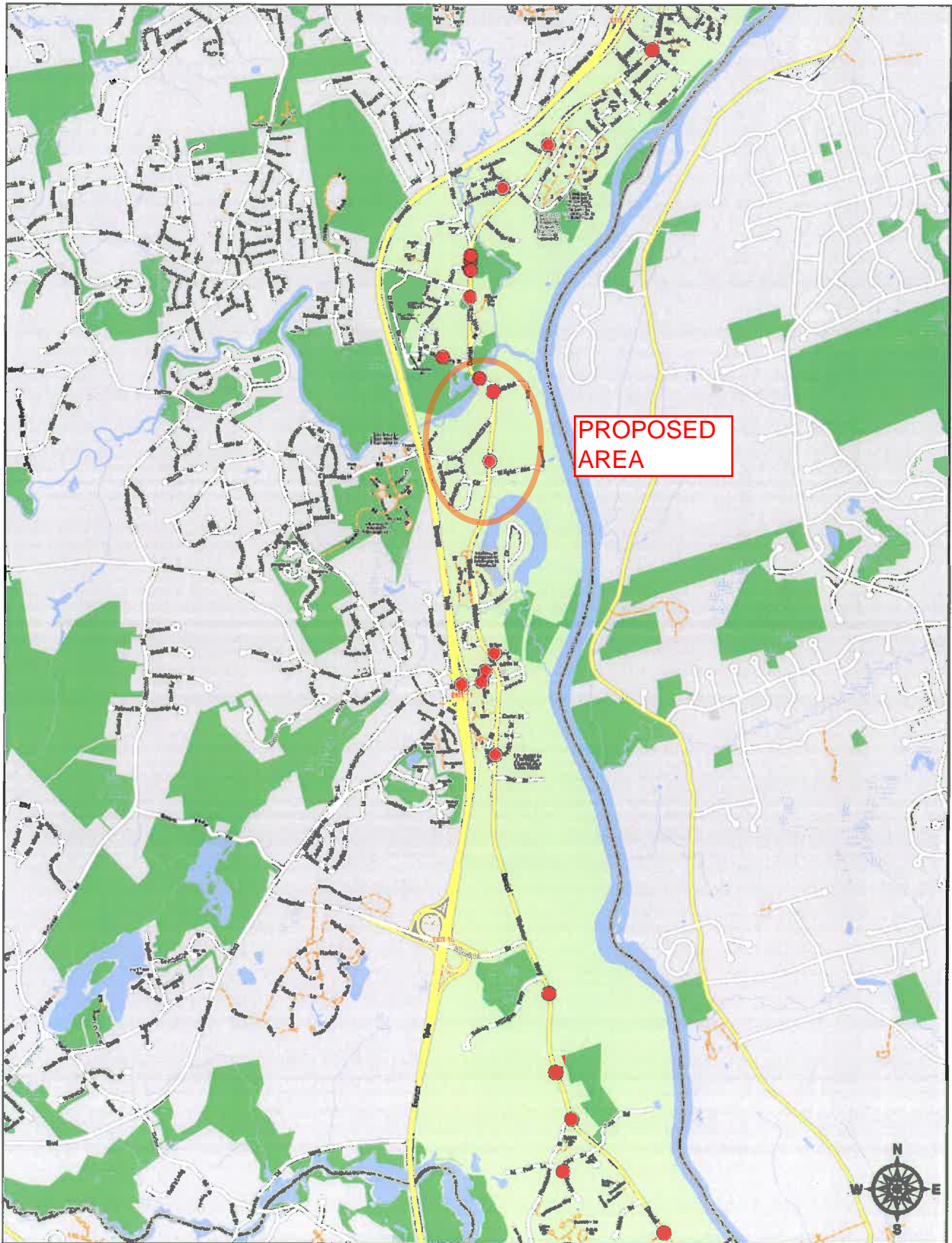
The goals of this plan are as follows:

- To identify and map existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the Route 3 Corridor in Merrimack.
- To identify gaps in the infrastructure.
- To identify land use regulations that accommodate future needs of all users of this major travel corridor.
- To develop a corridor plan to meet current and future bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure needs in the Route 3 corridor in Merrimack.

C. STUDY PROCESS

A scope of work was developed by NRPC that guided the planning process through two distinct phases. In Phase 1, a map of existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure – and gaps in that infrastructure – was developed. In Phase 2, a corridor plan was developed that summarizes data analysis, key issues and barriers, recommendations and action steps.

APPENDIX D – MOTOR VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE CRASH MAP



Crash data courtesy of NHDOT and represents reported crashes from 2002-2017. Some locations are estimated.

Merrimack Trail Map

Souhegan Riverwalk

June, 2013

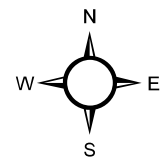


Legend

- Proposed Trails
- Existing Trails
- Parcel_Lines
- RoadLines

0 225 450 900 1,350 1,800 Feet

1 inch = 500 feet





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View southerly over Chamberlain Bridge sidewalk on east side (3/19/2021)



View northerly by the plaza, small section of existing sidewalk (3/19/2021)



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View southerly at East Chamberlain (new sidewalk up East Chamberlain (3/19/2021))



View northerly at Mr. G's Pizza (3/19/2021)



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View southerly from Mr. G's Pizza (3/19/2021)



View northerly from Billy's Pizza (3/19/2021)



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View southerly from Billy's Pizza (3/19/2021)



View northerly from Merrimack 360 Plaza (3/19/2021)



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View northerly towards Chamberlain Bridge (sidewalk to tie into) (3/19/2021)



View of area where the sidewalk needs to cross over (3/19/2021)