

May 3, 2021

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Dear Tom,

On behalf of the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC), I am forwarding for consideration by the State Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Advisory Committee the regional project evaluations and rankings for the applications for federal TAP funding received in the RPC region. The RPC received two applications requesting a total of \$1,260,000 in federal funding. Attached please find the following documents:

- 1) A summary table with information on project applicant, project description, total project cost, requested federal funds and final MPO Policy Committee rankings.
- 2) Individual summary sheets for each of the two project applications received in the region, prepared by staff and used by MPO Technical Advisory Committee and MPO Policy Committee members in their reviews and rankings of the projects. Members of both committees also had access to the full project proposals.

Our agency, fulfilling its role in the TAP process defined by the NHDOT, solicited project proposals, provided technical assistance to applicants as requested, and has screened and evaluated all applications. The project proposals were evaluated using the statewide criteria used in the prior TAP funding round. Proposals were evaluated and ranked by the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at their meeting on March 25, 2021. The MPO Policy Committee reviewed projects and adopted final regional rankings at their meeting on April 14, 2021. The prioritized list of projects for the RPC regions includes:

- 1) Rye Town Center Complete Streets (Ranked #1 by MPO)
(\$925,000 total with a \$740,000 proposed TAP share)
- 2) Salem Cluff Road/Braemoor Woods Connector Sidewalk (Ranked #2 by MPO)
(\$650,000 total with a \$520,000 proposed TAP share)

The project from Rye was identified by both the TAC and Policy Committee as the top ranked project for the region. This said the MPO fully endorses both projects for funding at the State level. Should you need further information regarding the review and ranking process used by our agency, or further information on individual projects, feel free to contact me or Scott Bogle at troache@therpc.org or sbogle@therpc.org, or 778-0885.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Roache".

Tim Roache, Executive Director
Rockingham Planning Commission

CC: Richard McDermott, RPC Chairman

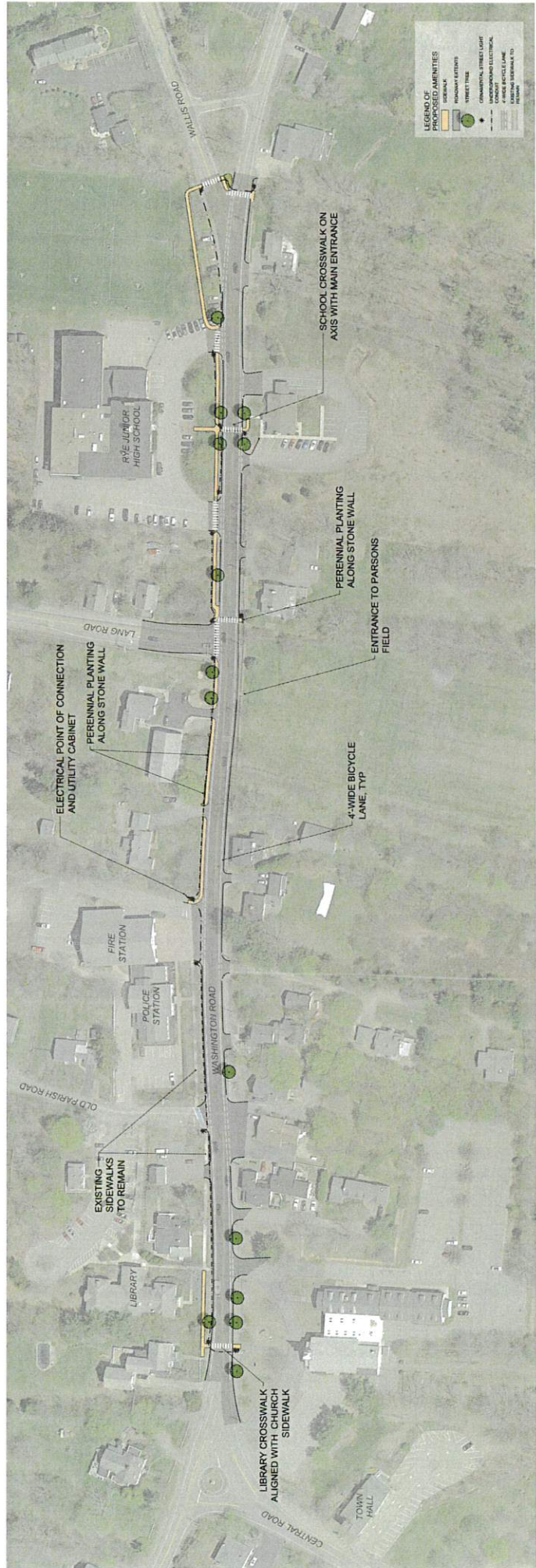
Transportation Alternatives Program 2021 Funding Round

Full Proposals Received from RPC Region Communities

#	Municipality	Description	Estimated Project Cost	Federal TAP Funds Requested	Match Percent	MPO Ranking
RPC-TA21-2	Rye	<u>Town Center Complete Streets</u> - Construct sidewalk, shoulder bicycle lane and new crosswalks on Washington Road from Central Road to Wallis Road in Rye town. Connects Rye Junior High to Public Library, Town Hall, Parsons Field, and church used by Rye Recreation Dept for youth and senior programs. Project developed out of PlanNH Charrette. Identified in Rye SRTS Travel Plan (2007) and Rye Shoulder Study (2020).	\$ 925,000	\$ 740,000	20%	1
RPC-TA21-1	Salem	<u>Cluff Road Sidewalk/Path Connection</u> - Improve connections from Salem Bike/Ped Corridor (rail trail) to adjacent neighborhoods. Proposes sidewalk and/or path connecting Braemoor Woods neighborhood off of Cluff Road approx. 1300' to existing sidewalk on Cluff Road, rail trail and retail on South Broadway/NH28.	\$ 650,000	\$ 520,000	20%	2
Totals			\$ 1,575,000	\$ 1,260,000		

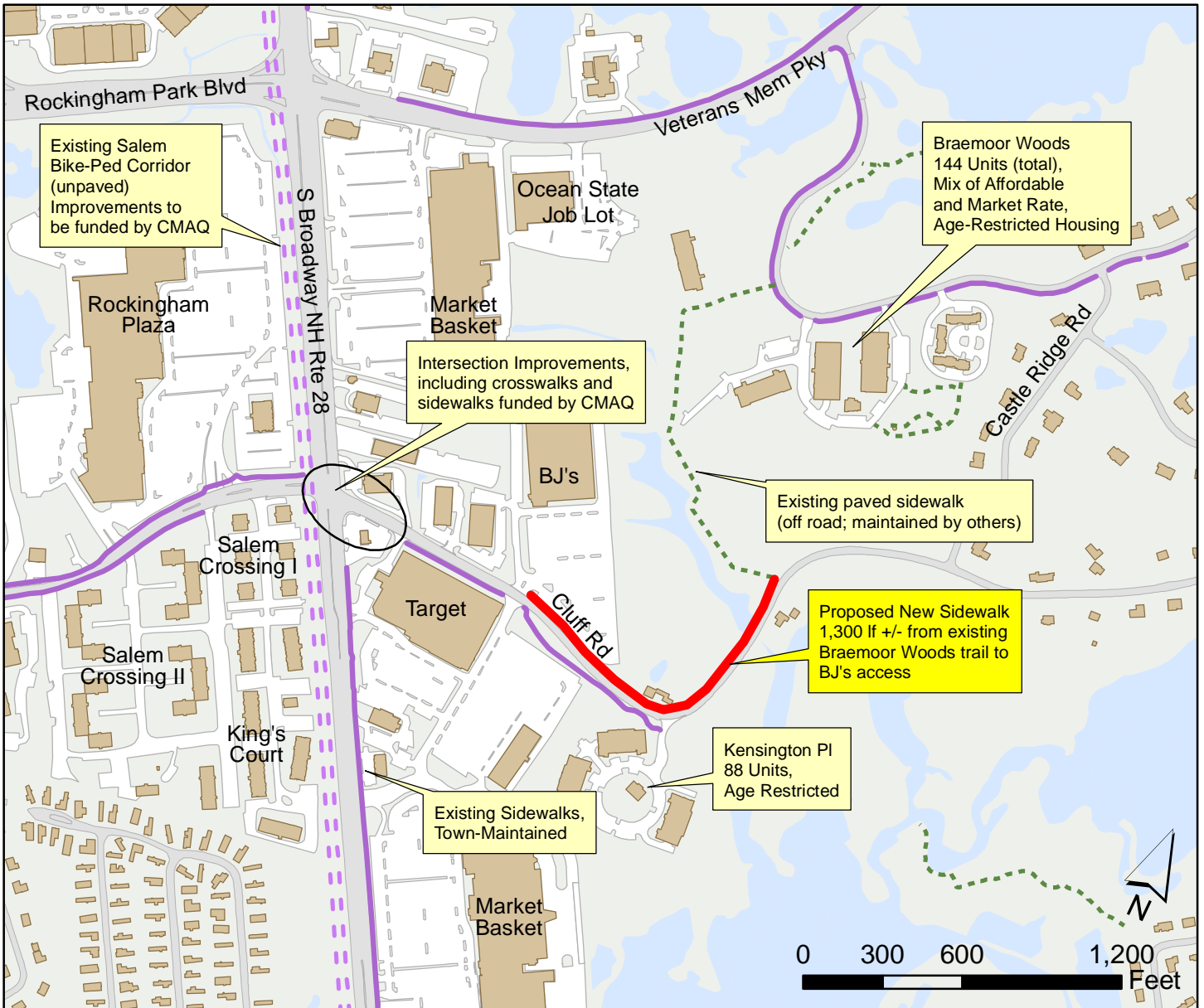
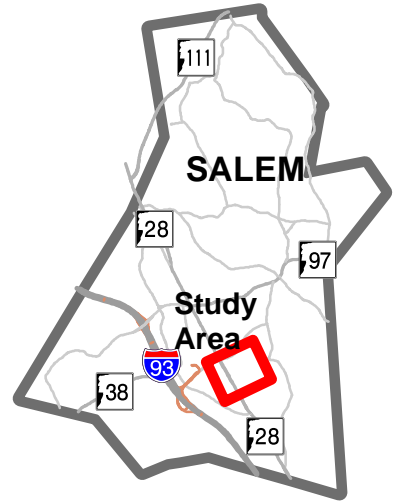
**Rockingham Planning Commission
2021 Transportation Alternatives Program Project Summary and Evaluation Sheet**

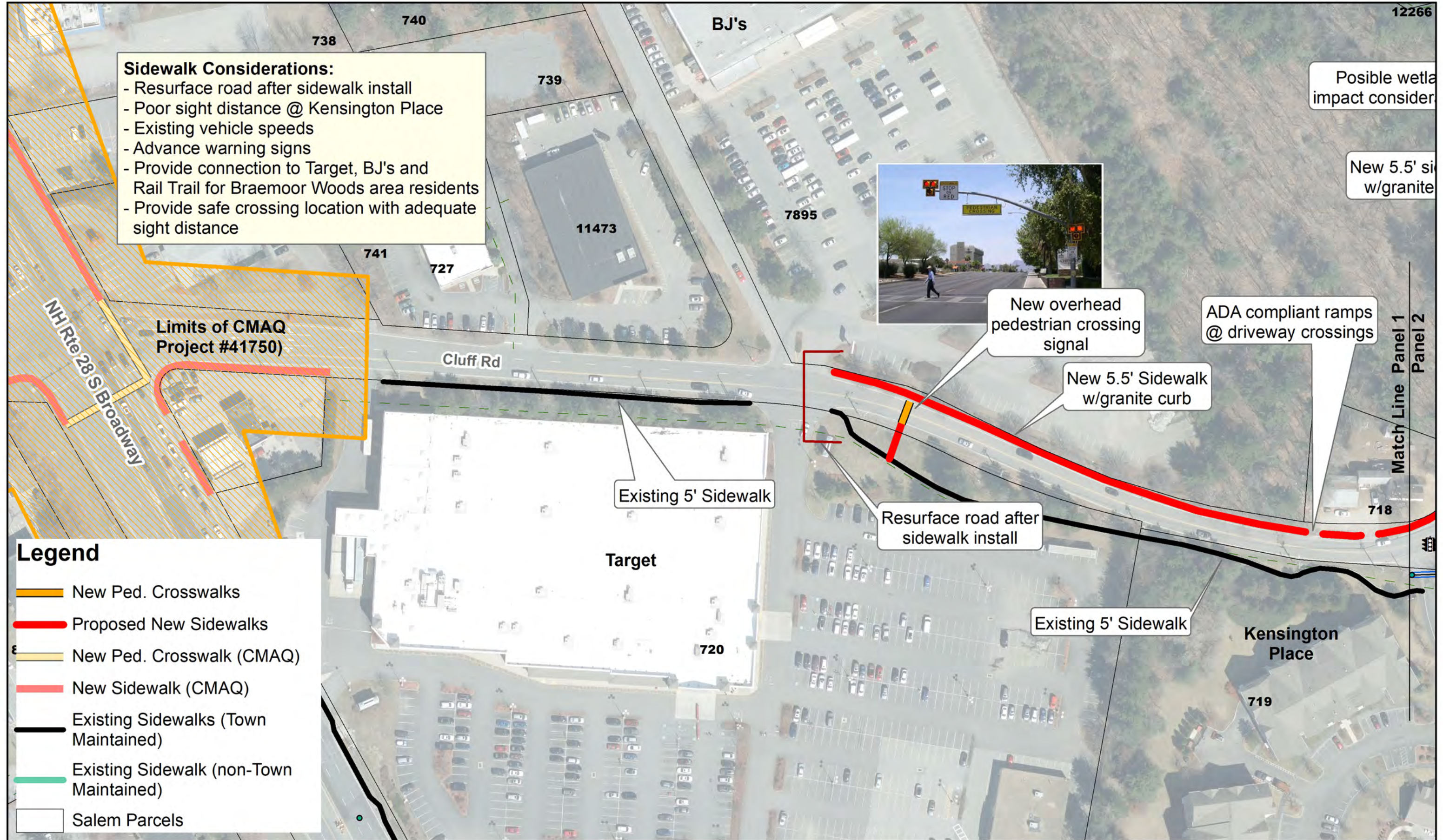
Evaluation (See Criteria Sheet)		Project Location: Rye	Project ID: RPC-TA21-2
Criterion	Staff Score	Project Title: Town Center Complete Streets	
1. (13pts) Project Support	13	Applicant: Town of Rye	
2. (17pts) Financial Readiness	15	<p>Brief Project Description:</p> <p>The Town of Rye is proposing to redesign and reconfigure approximately 1,900 linear feet of Washington Road, the main roadway through town and a Class IV highway, to extend a sidewalk and add shoulder expansions, bike lanes and new crosswalks. The scope of work will include installing a setback sidewalk on the west side of Washington Road, connecting the Grange Monument and Rye Junior High School at one end of the project to the Rye Public Library at the other. The work will include creating bicycle lanes on Washington Road through the Town Center and reducing vehicle travel lanes to 10 feet. The design includes a landscaping buffer between the sidewalk and bike lane and the addition of necessary and historically appropriate lighting.</p> <p>It will expand the availability of safe routes to schools, to playing fields and the library for students in grades 5 through 8; it will allow residents and visitors alike to walk, run and cycle safely in the center of town; and it will connect multigenerational gathering places such as the library, the church used for rec department programming, and Historical Society Museum.</p> <p>Historic District Commission has reviewed plan and concluded it will not adversely affect historic resources in the town center.</p> <p>Total Project Cost: \$925,000 [\$740,000 Federal] Source of Match: \$300,000 (Warrant article approved in 2020)</p> <p>Federal Percentage: 80% Non-Federal Percentage: 20% Municipally Managed? No – NHDOT will manage project for town for a fee if selected.</p> <p>Other Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified in RPC MPO LRTP (2021), Rye Master Plan (2018), Rye Safe Routes to School Travel Plan (2008), PlanNH Charrette (2018). Letters from Select Board, Planning Board, Conservation Comm, Heritage Comm, Historic District Comm, Police & Fire Depts, Rye Junior High School, SAU50, SABR. Connects Rye Junior High (grades 5-8), Rye Public Library, Town Hall, Historical Society Museum, Parsons Field recreation area and connecting trails and adjacent residential neighborhoods. 	
3. (7 pts) Feasibility	7		
4. (13 pts) Stress Analysis	10		
LTS Now	LTS After		
5. (14 pts) Improve Safety Conditions	14		
6. (18 pts) Project Connectivity	18		
7. (12 pts) Socio-Econ Benefits	8		
8. (6 pts) RPC/MPO Rank	6		
Total	91		
TAC Ranking	1		
MPO Ranking	1		



Rockingham Planning Commission 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program Project Summary and Evaluation Sheet			
Evaluation (See Criteria Sheet)		Project Location: Salem	Project ID: RPC-TA21-1
Criterion	Staff Score	Project Title: Cluff Road/Braemoor Woods Connector Path	
1. (13pts) Project Support	11	Applicant: Town of Salem	
2. (17pts) Financial Readiness	12	<p>Brief Project Description: The goal of this project is to close a key gap in sidewalk on Cluff Road in Salem, NH, allowing for safe pedestrian access between the Braemoor Woods neighborhood and the Route 28 commercial strip, including the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor. A paved path constructed as part of the Braemoor Woods development is open to the public and provides a pleasant walking route through a wooded area. The path does not currently provide any transportation value, as it terminates at Cluff Road with no pedestrian facilities. Where the path meets Cluff Road, there is little to no road shoulder, and curves severely restrict sight distances for motorists. The Cluff Road sidewalk terminates just 700 feet away on the south side of Cluff Road, but it would be nearly impossible for a pedestrian to safely reach it from the Braemoor Woods path.</p> <p>Salem proposes constructing a 5-foot wide paved sidewalk with 6-inch granite curbing along the north side of Cluff Road from the location where the Braemoor Woods path meets Cluff Road to the BJ's driveway, a distance of about 1,300 feet. While other options are possible, we feel that the BJ's driveway would provide the safest location for the crosswalk. This crosswalk will connect pedestrians to the existing sidewalk on the south side of Cluff Road, likely with the use of a pedestrian hybrid beacon (Attachment B).</p>	
3. (7 pts) Feasibility	7		
4. (13 pts) Safety - Stress Analysis	13		
LTS Now LTS After			
5. (14 pts) Improve Safety Conditions	12	Total Project Cost: \$650,000 [\$520,000 Federal]	
6. (18 pts) Project Connectivity	18	Source of Match: \$130,000 (Selectmen commit to 2022 warrant article)	
7. (12 pts) Socio-Econ Benefits	12	Federal Percentage: 80%	
8. (6 pts) RPC/MPO Rank	4	Non-Federal Percentage: 20%	
		Municipally Managed? Yes	
Total	89	Other Comments:	
TAC Ranking	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project is identified in 2011 Sidewalk Plan and 2016 Sidewalk Committee Report, both of which are referenced in the 2016 Master Plan. Listed in the RPC MPO LRTP (2021) Connects Braemoor Woods neighborhood, including senior and general low/mod-income apartments, to destinations throughout town via the Salem Ped/Bike Corridor spine route and Cluff Road. No known cultural, archaeological, or hazardous materials have been identified within the project limits. Letters of support from Select Board, Sidewalk Committee, Friends of Salem Bike-Ped Corridor. Funds will be gross appropriated at the 2022 Salem Town Meeting, while impact fees will likely be used to fund the local match portion. Sidewalk leaves no room for shoulder bicycle route. 	
MPO Ranking	2		

Attachment A





Sidewalk Considerations:

- Resurface road after sidewalk install
- Poor sight distance @ Kensington Place
- Existing vehicle speeds
- Advance warning signs
- Provide connection to Target, BJ's and Rail Trail for Braemoor Woods area residents
- Provide safe crossing location with adequate sight distance

Possible wetland impact consideration

New 5.5' sidewalk w/granite curb



New overhead pedestrian crossing signal

ADA compliant ramps @ driveway crossings

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Existing 5' Sidewalk

Resurface road after sidewalk install

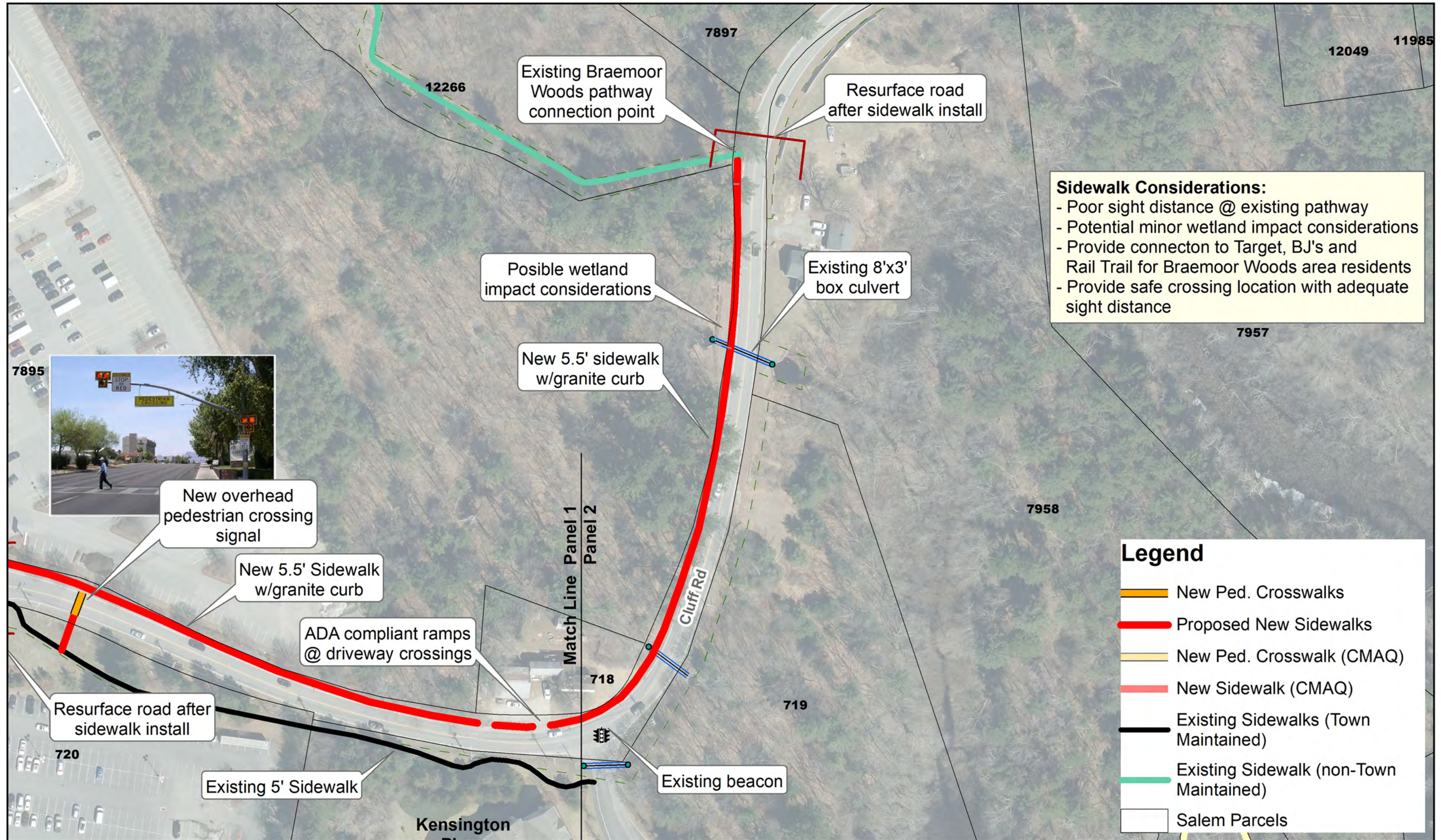
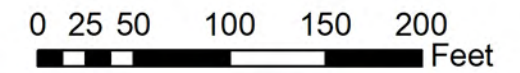
Existing 5' Sidewalk

- Legend**
- New Ped. Crosswalks
 - Proposed New Sidewalks
 - New Ped. Crosswalk (CMAQ)
 - New Sidewalk (CMAQ)
 - Existing Sidewalks (Town Maintained)
 - Existing Sidewalk (non-Town Maintained)
 - Salem Parcels

Match Line Panel 1 Panel 2

Proposed Cluff Road Sidewalk Improvements, Salem, NH

Panel 2 of 2



Sidewalk Considerations:

- Poor sight distance @ existing pathway
- Potential minor wetland impact considerations
- Provide connecton to Target, BJ's and Rail Trail for Braemoor Woods area residents
- Provide safe crossing location with adequate sight distance



Legend

- New Ped. Crosswalks
- Proposed New Sidewalks
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- Salem Parcels