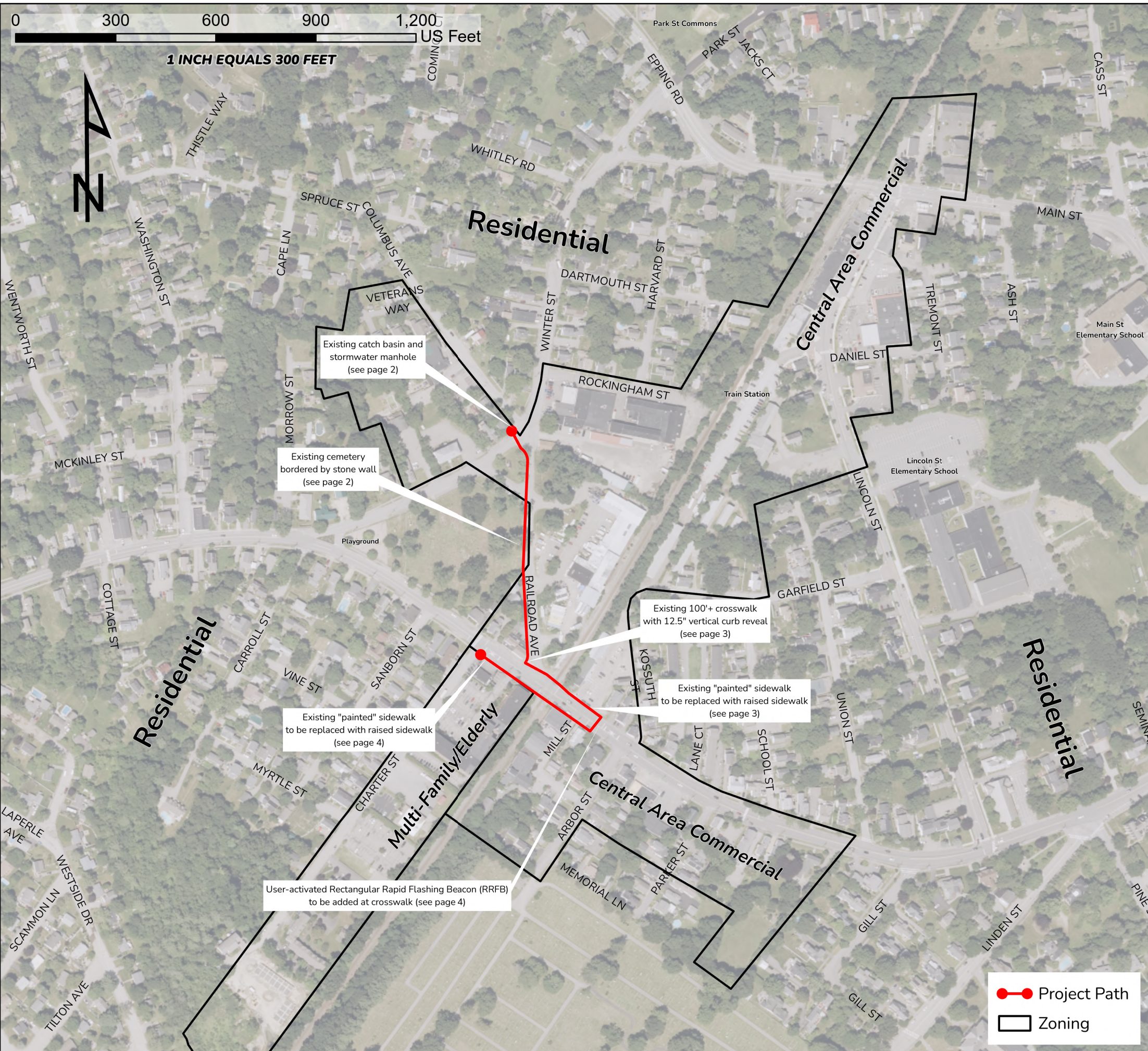


**Rockingham Planning Commission
2024-25 Transportation Alternatives Program Project Summary and Evaluation Sheet**

Evaluation (See Criteria Sheet)			Project Location: Exeter	Project ID: RPC-TA24-1
Criterion	Staff Score	TAC Score	Project Title: Front Street/NH111 and Lincoln Street Pedestrian Improvements	
1. (20pts) Add to existing network	20		Applicant: Town of Exeter	
2. (20pts) Provide vital connection	20		Brief Project Description: This project includes the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct approximately 1,245 linear feet of 5-foot wide sidewalk on Railroad Ave between Front St/NH111 and Winter Street • Reconfigure the intersection of Railroad Ave and Front St to shorten the length of the crosswalk (currently over 100') • Reduce pavement width of Railroad Ave to reduce vehicles taking the turn at inappropriately high speeds • Construct an ADA accessible tip down on the west side of Railroad Avenue • Replace the existing painted sidewalk on the north side of Front St between Railroad Ave and the Agway parking lot with granite curbed sidewalk • Reduce curb cut widths at the Agway parking lot to improve safety • Install a user-activated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the crosswalk just to the east of the railroad track on Front St. These improvements were all recommendations of Exeter's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan completed in 2024.	
3. (10 pts) Connection to other modes	10			
4. (15 pts) Stewardship	15			
5. (10 pts) NHDOT VRU Target Areas	TBD			
6. (5 pts) NHDOT Priorities	TBD			
7. (20 pts) RPC/MPO Rank	20			
			Source of Match: \$266,988 (Selectmen commit to 2022 warrant article)	
			Federal Percentage: 80%	
			Non-Federal Percentage: 20%	
			Municipally Managed? Yes	
Total	85		Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All components of this project are identified in the Exeter Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan (2024) • Improves safety for walking to Lincoln Street Elementary School for children living in Exeter's west side neighborhoods; and improves the pedestrian connection to the Amtrak Downeaster at Lincoln Street Station. • Builds on ongoing Town investment in Exeter's sidewalk network, most recently including town-funded sidewalk and crosswalk improvements on Front Street completed in 2023 • No known cultural, archaeological, or hazardous materials have been identified within the project limits. • Scoring for NHDOT's Vulnerable Road User Target Areas is TBD, though data from NHDOT VRU Safety Assessment showed Exeter with a high level of VRU crashes per capita. 	
TAC Ranking				
MPO Ranking				



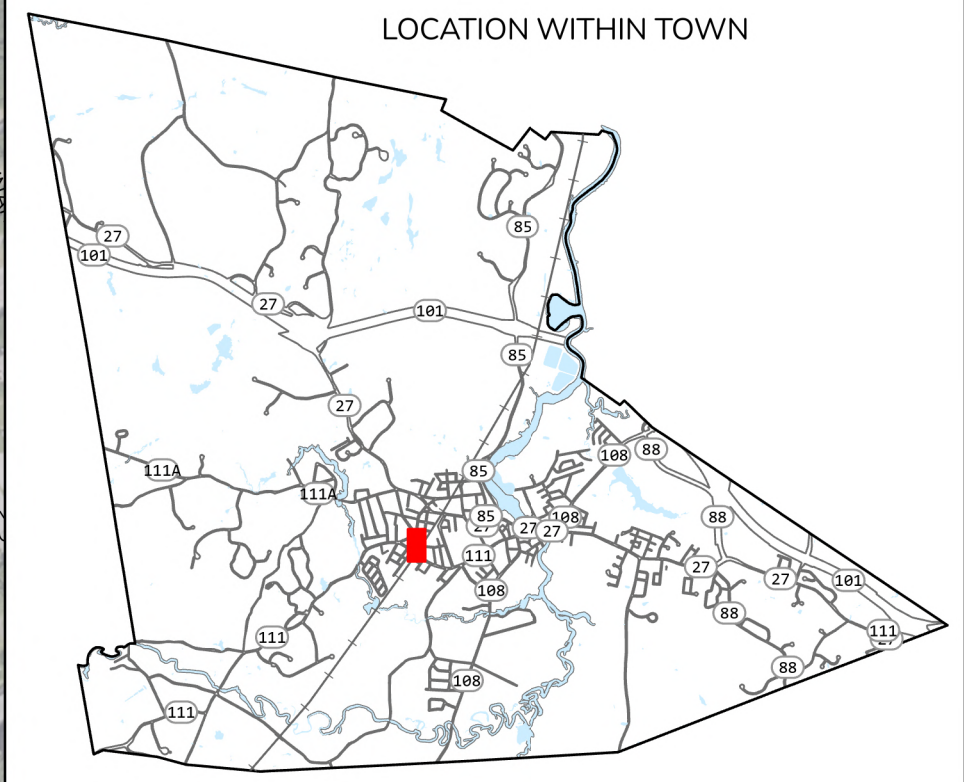
Transportation Alternatives Program Town of Exeter, New Hampshire Project Proposal Map

Project Contact: Dave Sharples, Town Planner
dsharples@exeternh.gov
Regional Planning Commission: Rockingham

Project Description: Construct approximately 1,245 linear feet of bituminous asphalt sidewalk that will be 5 feet in width and create safer and accessible pedestrian crossings within the project area.

Affected streets: Winter St, Railroad Ave, Front St

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- Project Path
- Zoning



(Left) Looking south from the corner of Columbus Ave and Winter St, towards Railroad Ave. There is a crosswalk on Columbus Ave, a catch basin on the corner of Columbus and Winter St, and a catch basin on the opposite side of Winter St. This project will include a new crosswalk across Winter St, bringing pedestrians to a new sidewalk along the West side of Railroad Ave.



(Right) Looking south from the corner of the Winter St Cemetery, The stone wall marks the eastern boundary of the cemetery. This TAP application proposes a 5' wide sidewalk between the stone wall and the street.

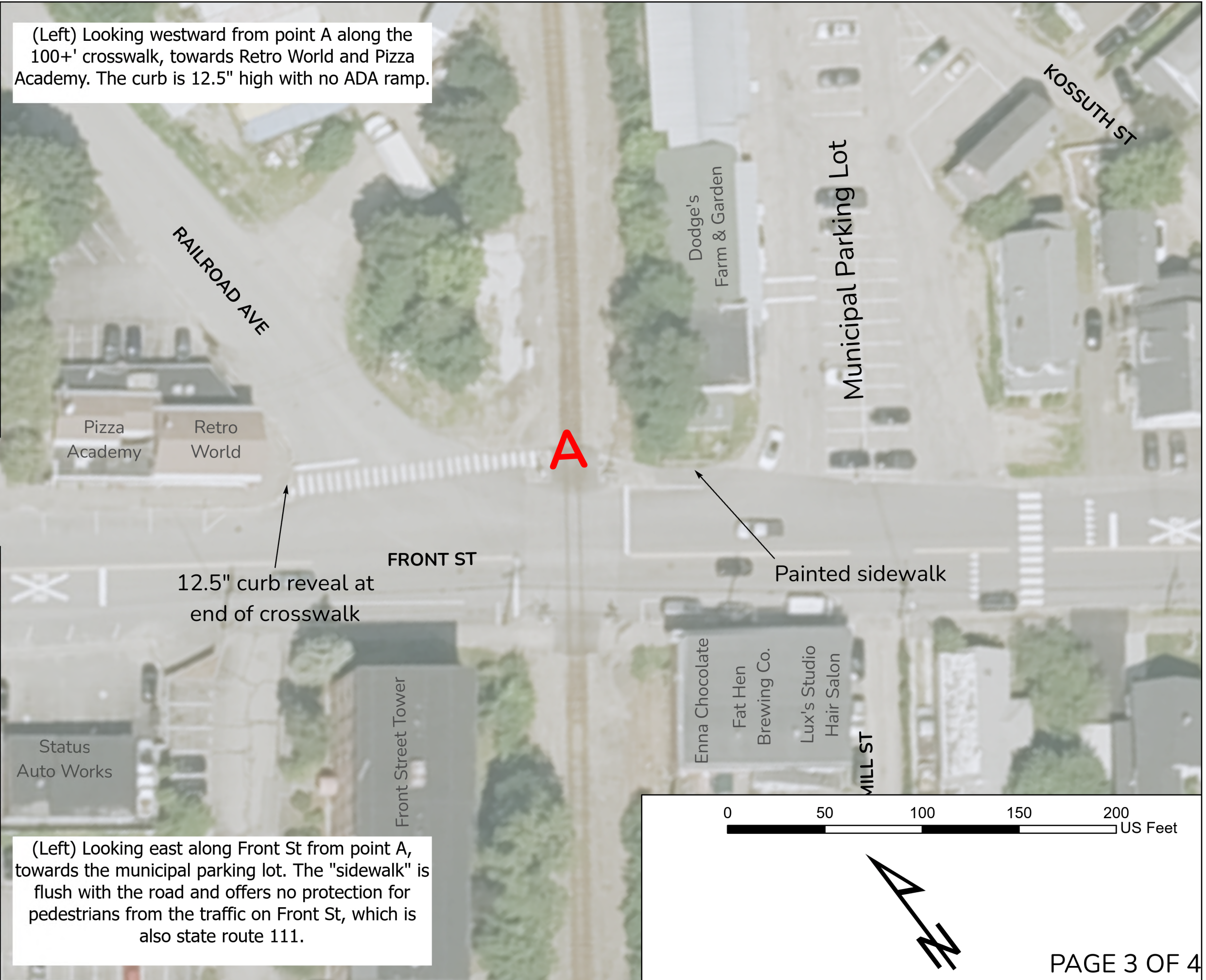




(Left) Looking westward from point A along the 100+' crosswalk, towards Retro World and Pizza Academy. The curb is 12.5" high with no ADA ramp.

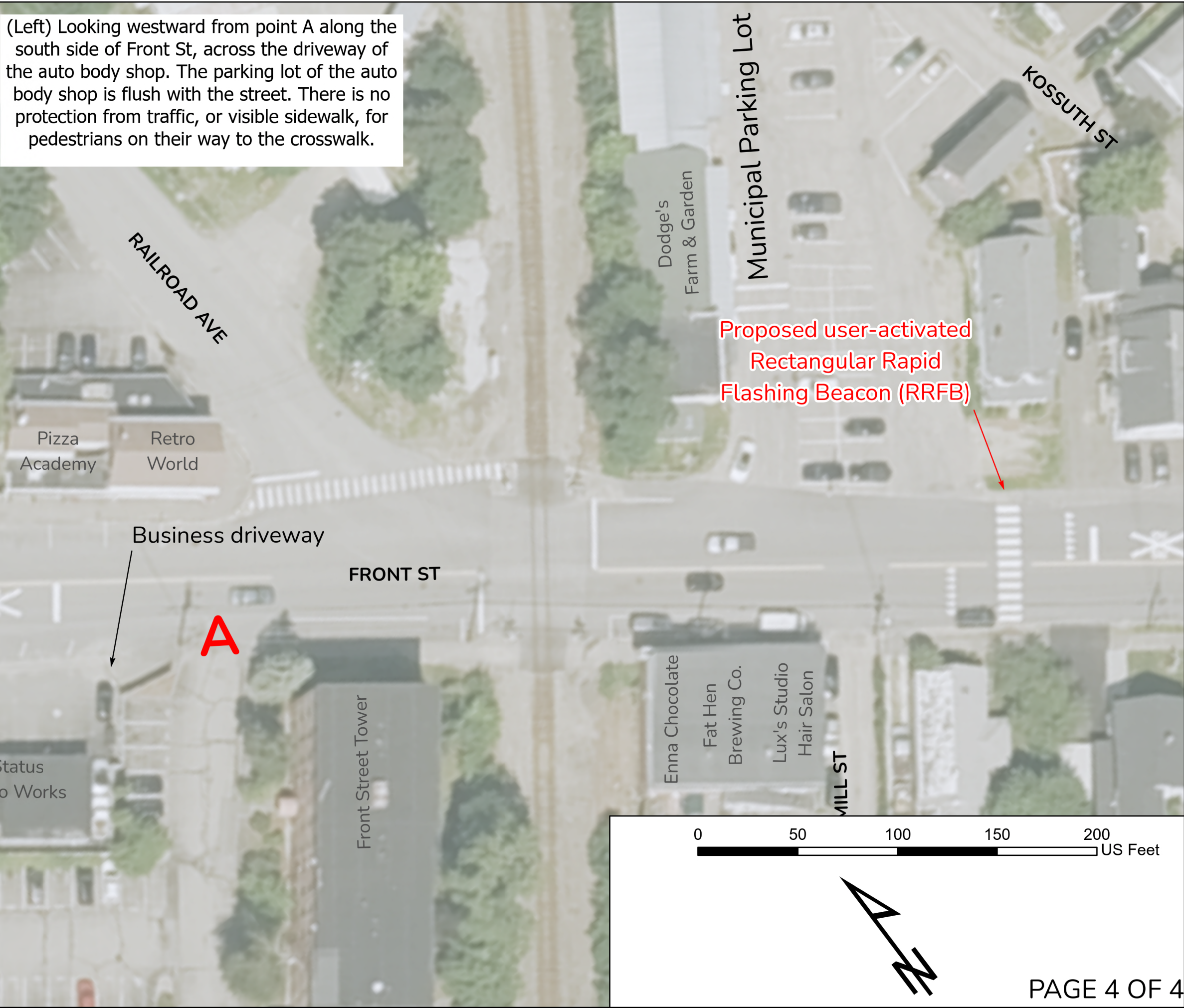


(Left) Looking east along Front St from point A, towards the municipal parking lot. The "sidewalk" is flush with the road and offers no protection for pedestrians from the traffic on Front St, which is also state route 111.





(Left) Looking westward from point A along the south side of Front St, across the driveway of the auto body shop. The parking lot of the auto body shop is flush with the street. There is no protection from traffic, or visible sidewalk, for pedestrians on their way to the crosswalk.



RAILROAD AVE

Pizza Academy
Retro World

Business driveway

FRONT ST

A

Status Auto Works

Front Street Tower

Dodge's Farm & Garden

Proposed user-activated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)

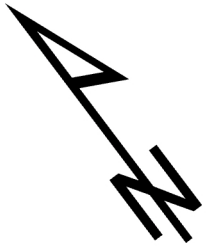
Municipal Parking Lot

KOSSUTH ST

Enna Chocolate
Fat Hen Brewing Co.
Lux's Studio Hair Salon

MILL ST

0 50 100 150 200 US Feet



<p>-For NHDOT use only: Letter of Interest #: _____ Application #: _____</p>

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) (Round 5) - 2024 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).*

City or Town Name:

(Only put name of town or city, DO NOT put "Town of" or "City of")

Location:

(List where you work in the municipality or school district)

Contact First Name:

Contact Last Name:

Contact Title:

Email:

Phone number:

*This field is formatted for (xxx)xxx-xxxx
enter number without any spaces*

Ext:

Regional Planning Commission:

(Use Scroll bar to see all 9 RPCs)

Executive Councilor:

2. Project Information

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

Map must be saved as a pdf and submitted with the application pdf.

Naming should be same as your application name with Map added

town/city name and map

Example: ConcordTAPApplicationMap.pdf

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

- 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.*

Environmental Resources within project limits: *(Check all that apply) Checking these boxes will not influence project selection but is used to determine if proposed budgets are reasonable for proposed work.*

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Stone walls</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Foundations</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cemetery</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Historic Buildings</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Streams</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Wetlands</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gas Stations</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Dry Cleaners</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Parks</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Wildlife
Refuge</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Drainage
Structures</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Flood Plains</i> |

Project Details:

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

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

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 in Feet: *(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 improvements)*

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

Ownership: *(List if project is within State or City/Town ROW, or if private property will be needed)*

Brief Summary of Project: *(Section limited to 200 characters which is equal to about two sentences)*

Example: Construct 2,500 LF of concrete sidewalk, construct 2 crosswalks with associated ADA components.

Description of work being proposed:

(Clearly describe project location, proposed work, purpose and need for project as well as project goals and objectives. NOTE this section is limited to 3,500 characters. That is equal to about one full page at font size 12.)

3. Project Cost Estimate

Estimate project costs under each of the phases below. All cost fields are formatted \$xxx,xxx.xx
Enter the amount without the \$ or commas

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, 12-15% of Const. cost typically)

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

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. (10-12% of Const. cost typically)

Project Total: \$
This field is calculated

Identify the amount of federal funding you are applying for.

Tap funds are 80% federal and 20% sponsor match. Those ratios do not change. 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 that work is considered non-participating. Also, if you have more funding you want to put towards the project above the 20% match, put that in the non-participating box.

Federal \$ **80 %**
This field is calculated

Match \$ **20 %**
This field is calculated

Reason for non-participating funds

Non-Participating \$

Funding Total \$
This field is calculated

4. Evaluation Criteria (*Applications will be scored on the following criteria*)

There are four criteria that will be used to evaluate projects and are listed below:

1. Project Characteristics
2. Vulnerable Road User target areas
3. Department Priorities
4. Regional Priority

Scoring Criteria

Sections to be filled out by Applicant

- A. Add to existing non-motorized facilities (20 points)
- B. Provide vital non-motorized connections (20 points)
- C. Connection to other modes of transportation (10 points)
- D. Stewardship (15 points)

Sections to be filled out by NHDOT Staff

- E. Vulnerable Road User target areas (10 points)
- F. Department Priorities (5 points)

Sections to be filled out by governing Regional Planning Commission

- G. Regional Priorities (20 points)

For sections A through D, a maximum of 3,500 characters will be allowed. Be as concise as possible when answering those questions.

A. **Add to existing non-motorized facilities** – Will the project add to existing non-motorized facilities by filling in gaps or adding length for non-motorized users. (20 points)

- Is project next phase of a multi-phase project
- Does the project fill in gaps in an existing non-motorized facility
- Is this the first phase of a multi-phase project. If yes provide a plan and schedule showing the other planned phases

NOTE this section is limited to 3,500 characters. That is equal to about one full page at font size 12.

B. **Provide vital non-motorized connections** – Will the project make connections from population areas to destinations for goods, services, recreation, or government locations. (20 points)

- Does the project connect a large population node to a destination for goods, services, recreation, or government locations.
- Does the project bridge over water or busy roadway connecting a population node to a destination for goods, services, recreation, or government locations.
- Does the project connect a population node to a school

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C. **Connection to other modes of transportation** – Will the project provide a non-motorized connection to a bus, train, airport, or park-n-ride location. (10 points)

- Will this connection enhance environmental justice populations.
 - i. (Minority or non-English Speaking, Elderly, Disabled, or Low-Income)

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D. Stewardship – What resources does the municipality have to maintain the improvements.
(15 points)

- Does the municipality have paid staff to maintain the improvement
- Does the municipality have equipment to maintain the improvement
- Does the municipality have written policies regarding maintenance of the improvement
- Does the municipality have line items in their budget for maintenance of the improvement

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NO ACTION NEEDED FROM APPLICANT FOR SECTIONS E, F, and G

E. Vulnerable Road User Target Areas

- Project will be evaluated on the total Vulnerable Road User (VRU) crashes per capita of the municipality. (10 points)
 - i. Scores will be assigned based on the level of crashes. The maps published in the NHDOT Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment will be used to evaluate points. Highest crash locations will get full points, and a linear scale will be used from high to low level crash locations.

F. Department Priorities

- Projects that are in population regions that have surplus funding and/or municipalities that haven't had a funded TAP application will be evaluated for additional points (5 points)

G. Regional Priority

- Regional Planning Commissions will evaluate projects in their regions and develop rankings for their projects. Highest ranked project will get 20 points. 2nd ranked project will get 14 points, 3rd Ranked project will get 8 points and 4th ranked project will get 2 points.
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5) Application Submission Information: The application is an adobe .pdf form and it **must be saved and copied to our Department FTP site. (DO NOT PRINT AND SCAN).** Data is harvested from the form. Do not change any formatting of the fields. Any supporting documents like the Map, and other supporting documentation need to be submitted with the application in pdf format and saved to the FTP site. There is a link at the bottom of this page and link will also be available on the DOT TAP website that will direct you to our FTP site and when logged in will direct you to the correct folder. A tutorial on accessing the FTP site and copying files will be on the TAP website and discussed at the mandatory workshop.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 11:59PM Friday January 24, 2025

Failure to meet this deadline may 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. DO NOT PRINT AND SCAN APPLICATION. Data is harvested from the form. All supporting maps, and other documents must be saved as a pdf and copied to the Department FTP site with the application form.

Naming Convention: The FTP site has one folder for all submissions. To keep track of the applications and attachments it is **essential** you follow the following naming convention. Name of town/city followed by description of the file. If you submit more than one application, put a number at the end.

Example: **ConcordTAPApplication01.pdf**
ConcordTAPApplicationMap01.pdf

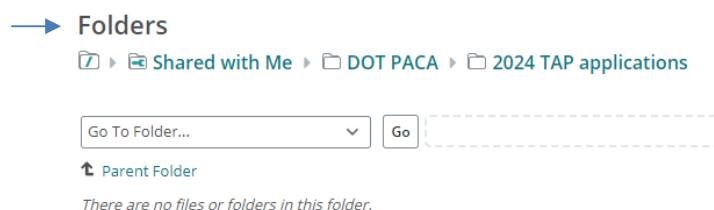
Failure to follow this naming convention will cause confusion and could result in applications and/or attachments being lost.

Hyperlink below will bring you to a log-in screen for the FTP Site.

<https://nhftp.nh.gov/human.aspx?r=2422752521&arq06=208639869&arq12=filelist>

Username: dot.planning
Password: NHpaca46!! (Case sensitive)

You will be directed to the TAP folder



A tutorial will be put on the TAP website showing how to upload files to the FTP site.



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