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TO: Richmond Selectboard

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SUBJECT: Richmond Village Sidewalk Scoping Study

To wrap up the Richmond Sidewalks Scoping Report, the project team and are seeking an endorsement from the Selectboard of the project advisory committee's recommendations, the Transportation Committee's recommendations for alternatives, and the project as a whole. The Selectboard's endorsement of the project is a recommended action by CCRPC—who administer and manage this project as part of the FY22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)—to close out the project.

During the May 10, 2022 Transportation Committee meeting, the Transportation Committee made the following recommendation on the alternatives presented for Bridge Street:

Motion made by Knowles, seconded by Kart, to select alternative #1 for the Bridge Street east new sidewalk, namely for a five-foot sidewalk and a five-foot green strip. Voting: unanimous affirmative vote.

During the May 24, 2022 Transportation Committee meeting, the Transportation Committee made the following recommendations on the alternatives presented for Jericho Road and Huntington Road:

Motion made by Kart, seconded by Knowles that the Transportation Committee supports a recommendation to the Selectboard for a preferred alternative [for the Jericho Road segment] with the box rail, where the project allows for a five-foot path and a green strip where feasible. Voting: 4 in favor (Gent, Cole, Kart, Knowles) and one abstention (Wong).

Motion by Knowles, seconded by Kart, to recommend to the Selectboard Alternative 1 [for the Huntington Road segment], including the drawings. Voting: 4 in favor (Gent, Cole, Kart, Knowles) and one abstention (Wong).

The Selectboard's endorsement also strengthens the grant application the town is submitting to fund the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Bridge Street from the end of the sidewalk in front of the Big Spruce to Esplanade Street, and streetscape improvements along Bridge Street. This endorsement would indicate to VTrans that the town is in support of the recommendations and alternatives it aims to build upon.

To facilitate action, I have prepared the following draft motion:

I, _____, move to endorse the Richmond Sidewalks Scoping Report in its entirety, including the recommendations by the Project Advisory Committee and the recommendations for alternatives from the Transportation Committee.