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TO: Richmond Selectboard

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DATE: September 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Endorsement of Richmond Bike, Walk, and Trails Plan

Purpose

To close out of the Richmond Bike, Walk, and Trails Plan project, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Steering Committee and the project team are seeking an endorsement of the plan. The Selectboard's endorsement of the plan 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.

Background

The Bike, Walk, and Trails Plan is the culmination of a two-year effort to identify locations for future bicycle and pedestrian connections, and roadmap possible future bicycle and pedestrian connections the Town should prioritize.

Toole Design completed phase 1 of the project, which was a study of areas north of the Winooski River. The final report for Phase 1 is available on the Town website: <u>Richmond Bike</u>, Walk, and Trails Plan Phase 1 (richmondvt.gov).

The focus for phase 2 was to investigate possible connections south of the Winooski River. The final report enclosed in your meeting materials is a combined phase 1 and phase 2 report and covers the entire town. The project team integrated the information from the Phase 1 with new information from the Phase 2 study area.

The project team held two public meetings for this phase of the project: one on February 9, 2022, and another on June 28, 2022. Meeting notes are available on CCRPC's website: Richmond Bike, Walk, and Trails Plan - CCRPC (ccrpcvt.org).

The project team also held monthly check in meetings with the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Steering Committee. These meetings were open to the public, and meeting agendas were posted pursuant to Open Meeting Laws. Meeting notes for these meetings are also available on the same webpage as the meeting notes for the public meetings.

Draft Motion

To facilitate action, I have prepared the following draft motion:
I,, move to endorse the Richmond Bike, Walk, and Trails Plan in its entirety