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[PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SECTION]

* * * Feasibility of Route 5 Bicycle Path * * *

Sec. 27a. FEASIBILITY OF ROUTE 5 BICYCLE PATH; REPORT

(a) The Agency of Transportation, in consultation with regional planning commissions, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and municipalities along U.S. Route 5, shall conduct a feasibility analysis of constructing a bicycle route—consisting of one or more segments of bicycle lanes or bicycle paths, or both—to provide a safe means of travel via bicycle along a route that is roughly adjacent to U.S. Route 5 for the approximately 190 miles spanning between the State border with Massachusetts and the State border with Quebec, Canada.

(b) The feasibility analysis shall address, at a minimum, fiscal costs of construction and maintenance along with possible funding sources, logistical considerations, a possible time frame for construction and completion, the possibility of a segmented or phased approach to construction, and the costs and benefits to the tourism industry in Vermont in general and to the municipalities along U.S. Route 5 in particular.

(c) The Agency shall provide a copy of the feasibility analysis to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation on or before January 15, 2024.