

1 **[SUBSTITUTE FOR H.693, SEC. 23 – COMPLETE REPLACEMENT]**

2 * * * Complete Streets; Traffic Calming Measures; Designated Centers * * *

3 Sec. 23. 19 V.S.A. § 2402 is amended to read:

4 § 2402. STATE POLICY

5 (a) Agency of Transportation funded, designed, or funded and designed
6 projects shall seek to increase and encourage more pedestrian, bicycle, and
7 public transit trips, with the State goal to promote intermodal access to the
8 maximum extent feasible, which will help the State meet the transportation-
9 related recommendations outlined in the Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP)
10 issued under 30 V.S.A. § 202b and the recommendations of the Vermont
11 Climate Action Plan (CAP) issued under 10 V.S.A. § 592.

12 (b) Except in the case of projects or project components involving unpaved
13 highways, for all transportation projects and project phases managed by the
14 Agency or a municipality, including planning, development, construction, or
15 maintenance, it is the policy of this State for the Agency and municipalities, as
16 applicable, to incorporate complete streets principles that:

17 (1) serve individuals of all ages and abilities, including vulnerable users
18 as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(81);

19 (2) follow state-of-the-practice design guidance; ~~and~~

1 (3) are sensitive to the surrounding community, including current and
2 planned buildings, parks, and trails and current and expected transportation
3 needs; and

4 (4) when desired by the municipality:

5 (A) implement street design for purposes of calming and slowing
6 traffic in State-designated centers under 24 V.S.A. chapter 76A; and

7 (B) support the land uses that develop and evolve in tandem with
8 transit and accessibility, including those that provide enhanced benefits to the
9 public, such as through improved health and access to employment, services,
10 and housing.