

Return on Public Investment

The Downtown Transportation Fund supports revitalization efforts in designated downtowns with over \$300,000 in VTrans funding annually. Investment in infrastructure and public spaces stimulates private investment and creates a sense of identity and pride in downtowns across Vermont. The Downtown Transportation Fund is a financing tool that helps municipalities pay for transportation-related capital improvements within or serving a designated downtown. Past projects include streetscape enhancements, bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements, parking facilities, rail or bus facilities, utility relocation, street lighting, and wayfinding signage.

Since its inception in 1999, the program has invested nearly \$11 million to support 124 projects in 23 different communities leveraging over \$48 million in additional funding. Recently awarded projects include: Amtrak rail platform and amenities in Middlebury, a downtown wayfinding system in Montpelier, intersection improvements in Newport, streetscape improvements in Randolph, expansion of Comtu Park in Springfield, sidewalk improvements in St. Albans, and wayfinding signage in Winooski.

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/downtown-transportation-fund>

By the Numbers [2015-2019]

27

downtown
transportation
grants awarded

17

communities
served

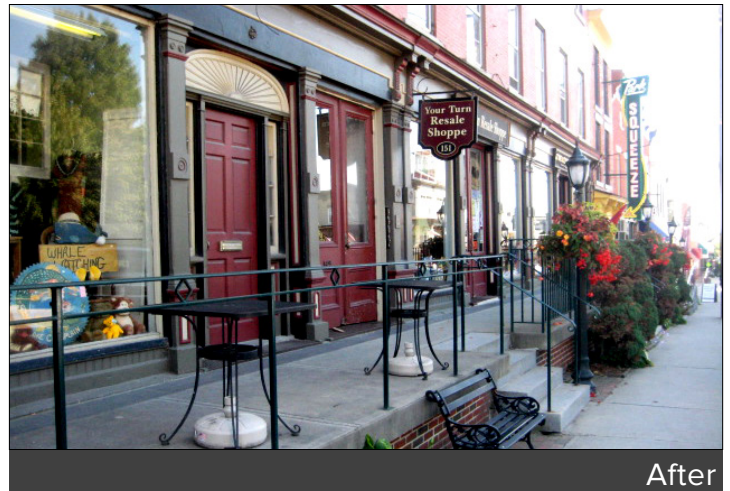
\$1.8 M

in downtown
transportation grants
awarded

\$7 M

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downtown transportation
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Vergennes - Transportation Improvements Spark Revitalization Efforts



The Downtown Transportation Fund (DTF) program supports revitalization efforts in designated downtowns by making these areas more pedestrian, bike, and transit friendly. Since 2003, Vergennes has utilized \$340,971 in Downtown Transportation Fund grants to support streetscape projects including ADA accessibility ramps to storefronts, sidewalk replacements, crosswalks, and other beautification features. These revitalization efforts have made the downtown more attractive to visitors, improved pedestrian safety, and restored the economic vitality and walkability of Vergennes.

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