

SFY20 Budget Overview for Municipal Assistance Bureau Programs



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Tab 5F – Park and Ride Program

The budget provides construction funds for 4 facilities – 2 new facilities in Williston and Royalton which will provide for 233 new spaces and are designed to accommodate transit. Also includes expansion or improvement at 2 facilities – in Cambridge lighting will be added for safety reasons and in St. Johnsbury 44 spaces will be added to the current 40 and it will be paved and well lit. As well, we plan to have one yet to be determined facility repaved. There are 5 other facilities under design (Berlin Exit 6, Berlin Exit 7, Manchester, Thetford and Williamstown) which will either be new facilities or expansions which will add about 190 new spaces. Currently there are 31 state facilities with 1639 parking spaces.

In addition to the spaces that the state owns and maintains, the municipal park and ride program has provided funding for 66 facilities which provide approximately 1222 spaces. No new funding for new park & ride facilities is targeted in SFY20. In SFY20 there is \$300,000 in state funds targeted for EV charging

Tab 5G – Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

In SFY20 the Bike & Pedestrian Facilities program will provide funding for 47 projects in 36 different communities. In addition to these projects there are a number of Statewide Line Items to address both infrastructure and education needs. Of the 47 projects, it is anticipated that 27 will be under construction and the remainder will be in design and/ or the right of way phase. Included is funding to support the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, the operation of the Bike Ferry by Local Motion and funding to the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers to rehabilitate more of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.

For the projects anticipated to be under construction in SFY20, the proposed budget provides for .9 miles of bike lanes, 5.5 miles of sidewalks, 6.1 miles of shared use paths and approximately 22.4 miles of improvements to rail trails which include improvements to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail and the Delaware and Hudson Rail Trail.

Tab 5H – Transportation Alternatives Program

In SFY20 the Transportation Alternatives Program will provide funding for 35 projects in 27 different communities. The program includes one (1) Statewide Line Item to address anticipated expenditures for new projects awarded funding. Of these 35 projects, it is anticipated that 21 will be under construction and 14 will be under design and/ or in the right of way phase. There are 12 projects for environmental mitigation related to stormwater/ clean water, and the remaining 23 are for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

For the projects anticipated to be under construction in SFY20, the proposed budget provides 4.5 miles of bicycle/ pedestrian improvements and stormwater treatments.

Tab 5I – Multi Modal, and 6 – Rest Areas

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No appropriation indicated. Funds will be/ have been transferred to FTA - there haven't been any formula or state funds in the project.

Tab 6 – Rest Areas

The budget includes some design funds for rehabilitation of the Derby Rest Area (\$50,000) as well as funding for major preventative maintenance at 5 rest areas, projects to be identified by Buildings and General Services, and a project to resurface the Guilford Rest Area.

Tab 22 - Municipal Mitigation Assistance Program

This appropriation funds both the Better Roads and the Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program. It also funds \$204,000, shown as operating expenses, to pay VTrans' stormwater utility bills to South Burl, Colchester, Burlington, St. Albans City and Williston.

For the Better Roads Program, the proposed budget allocates \$496,000 in T funds for grants to municipalities along with \$328,000 in federal funds. Also there is shown \$800,000 from the Clean Water Fund for grants.

New in SFY18, with a two year commitment for funding with federal dollars, was the Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program. Due to the ongoing needs to fund clean water projects, VTrans is proposing to allocate \$1.1M for a third year. Typical projects are stormwater planning and treatment, upsizing of culverts and salt sheds.

All projects are reviewed and evaluated to ensure a strong nexus to water quality benefits. Along with VTrans technical staff (from MAB, Stormwater, Hydraulics, Maintenance and Vermont Local Roads) staff from DEC (from the Clean Water Initiative, Stormwater, Lakes and Ponds and Basin Planning) is included in both recommending selection criteria as well as selecting projects that have strong water quality benefits.