

## 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 over \$11 million to support 136 projects in 23 different communities leveraging over \$49 million in additional funding. Recently awarded projects include: a parking lot expansion in Brattleboro, sidewalk extension in Middlebury, Confluence Park in Montpelier, street lighting in Newport, Slate Quarry Park in Poultney, wayfinding signage in Springfield, and sidewalk reconstruction in St. Albans City.

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

## By the Numbers [2017-2021]

# 31

downtown  
transportation  
grants awarded

# 19

communities  
served

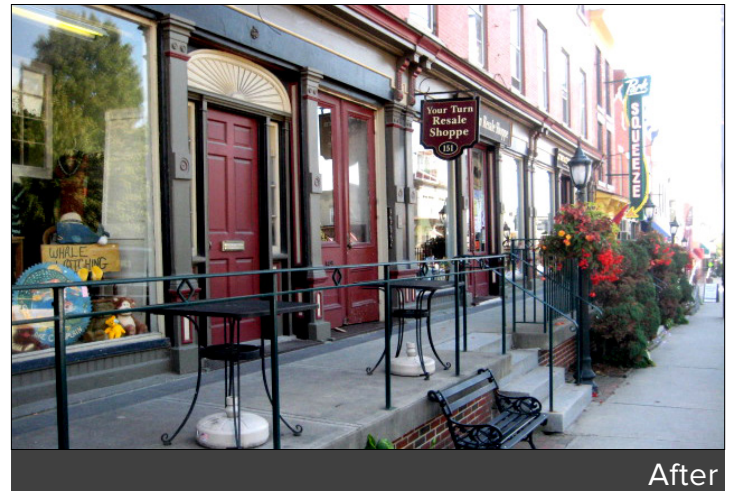
# \$2.1 M

in downtown  
transportation grants  
awarded

# \$15 M

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downtown transportation  
funds

## 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.