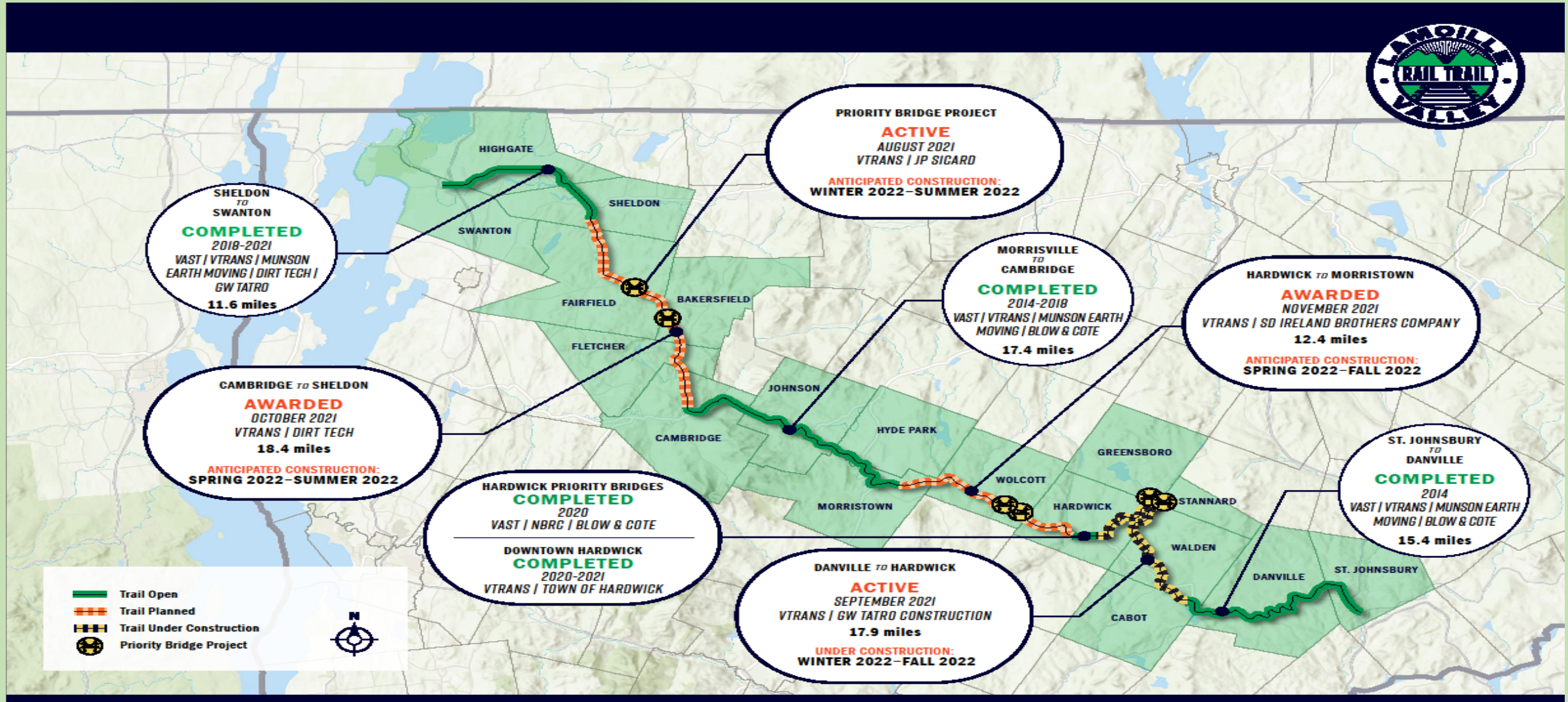




Lamoille Valley Rail Trail: Construction, Signage, and Management Plan Updates

House Transportation Committee

1/11/2022



Projects-Segments	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
St. Johnsbury TO Danville 15.4 MILES	Completed by VAST/VTrans Munson Earth Moving Blow & Cote								
Danville TO Hardwick 17.9 MILES						Awarded: GW Tatro Construction, September '21 Under Construction			ACTIVE VTrans
Hardwick TO Morristown 12.4 MILES							Awarded: SD Ireland, November '21 Anticipated Construction Spring '22		ACTIVE VTrans
Morristown TO Cambridge 17.4 MILES			Completed by VAST/VTrans Munson Earth Moving Blow & Cote						
Cambridge TO Sheldon 18.4 MILES							Awarded: Dirt Tech Company, October '21 Anticipated Construction Spring '22		ACTIVE VTrans
Sheldon TO Sheldon Junction 1.5 MILES					Completed by VAST/VTrans Munson Earth Moving				
Sheldon Junction TO Highgate 6.2 MILES							Completed by VAST/VTrans Dirt Tech		
Highgate TO Swanton 3.9 MILES							Completed by VAST/VTrans GW Tatro		
Priority Bridges Project							Awarded: JP Sicard August '21 Under Construction		ACTIVE VTrans

LVRT(10) – Bridge project; Contract awarded to J. P. Sicard, Inc. Removal of abutments and site prep work is underway and will continue through the winter with bridge construction beginning Spring of 2022. Construction contract amount: \$3,472,258.50. Completion date August 31, 2022.

LVRT(11) – Sheldon Jct. to Cambridge; Contract awarded to Dirt Tech Company, LLC. Dirt Tech would like to begin stockpiling materials in their yard, however no work is expected to begin until the end of the VAST season. Construction contract amount: \$2,476,651.15. Completion date November 12, 2022.

LVRT(12) – Morrisville to Hardwick; Contract awarded to S. D. Ireland Construction. Pre-Construction Conference scheduled 1/24/22. Some tree clearing and grubbing is expected to begin this winter, but the majority of work is not expected to begin until the end of the VAST season. Construction contract amount: \$6,986,878.50. Completion date November 10, 2022.

LVRT(13) – Hardwick to West Danville (Joes Pond); Contract Awarded to G. W. Tatro Construction, Inc. Tree clearing, grubbing, and other preparatory work is underway and will continue through the winter with culvert, cattlepass, bridge, and trail work commencing in Spring of 2022. Construction contract amount: \$2,254,046.00. Completion date November 12, 2022

What it IS



- Review of best practices from other trail systems throughout the country.
- Recommendations for a cohesive set of off-facility signs including how to find the trail from the State Highway and Local Roads and on-trail signs including mile markers, town lines, and geographic destinations.
- Solicitation of input from RPC's, VAST, VTrans and other important stakeholders.
- Development of plans, specifications and an estimate for this project be bid.

What it is **NOT**

- Temporary traffic control during construction
- Signs pointing users to individual businesses, services or attractions.
- Interpretive signage detailing features of historic or environmental significance along the trail.



Timeline

- Complete review, outreach and development of plans, specifications and estimate Fall of 2022.
- Bid for construction Winter 2022/Spring 2023.
- Construction begins Spring 2023.

In advance of the expiration of the VAST lease for the LVRT in June of 2022, the Agency will conduct a comprehensive planning & outreach process to prepare a Long Range Management Plan to guide local & regional economic & community development, outline an approach for marketing & promotion and detail plans for trail maintenance.

Goals of Project

1. Engage in robust public involvement process
2. Identify a “unified, trail-wide vision”
3. Target specific goals and strategies to develop, maintain, promote the trail
4. Inform forward-looking integration of the trail with local and regional transportation, tourism, and economic development planning
5. Create a template for development of Management Plans for other VTrans owned Rail Trails e.g. Delaware & Hudson, & Missisquoi Valley, Beebe Spur

Stakeholders/Outreach

- State Agencies (ANR, ACCD, VTrans, VDTM)
- Municipalities along the LVRT corridor
- Regional Planning Commissions (RPC's)
- VAST and local chapter leadership
- Outdoors groups (Friend of the LVRT, VT Mountain Bike Association, Local Motion, VT Trout Unlimited, etc.)
- Business associations, Chambers of Commerce, and businesses adjacent to trail
- School Districts and Hospitals
- General public

Timeline: October 2021 – June 2022



Trail Construction Update

Trail Construction & Signage Plan

LVRT Construction Website:

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/lvrt>

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