



How You Can Support Active Transportation

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Local Motion's mission is to make it safe, accessible, and fun for everyone to bike, walk, and roll in Vermont.







Two big opportunities

- 1. Modernize vulnerable user traffic regulations**
- 2. Increase active transportation funding and lower costs**

1. **H685** Modernizes vulnerable road user traffic regulations

H685 - VRU Traffic Regulations

-  Fixes “pedestrian” definition
-  Addresses sidewalk use requirement
-  Requires 4 ft passing distance
-  Makes bicycling safer

H685 - Fixes “pedestrian” definition

- Manual wheelchair users not included in current definition



H685 corrects this definition to ensure that manual wheelchair users are defined as pedestrians and extended associated protections and right-of-way

H685 - Addresses sidewalk use requirement

- Current law prohibits people from walking in the road if a sidewalk is present
- Criminalizes basic mobility for our most vulnerable users



H685 removes this statute



H685 - Requires 4 ft passing distance

- Current law **recommends** drivers provide 4 ft clearance when passing a vulnerable user

 **H685** makes 4 ft clearance a requirement



H685 - Makes bicycling safer







Allows people on bikes to cross intersections on pedestrian signals



Allows people on bikes to yield at stop signs when no other traffic is present

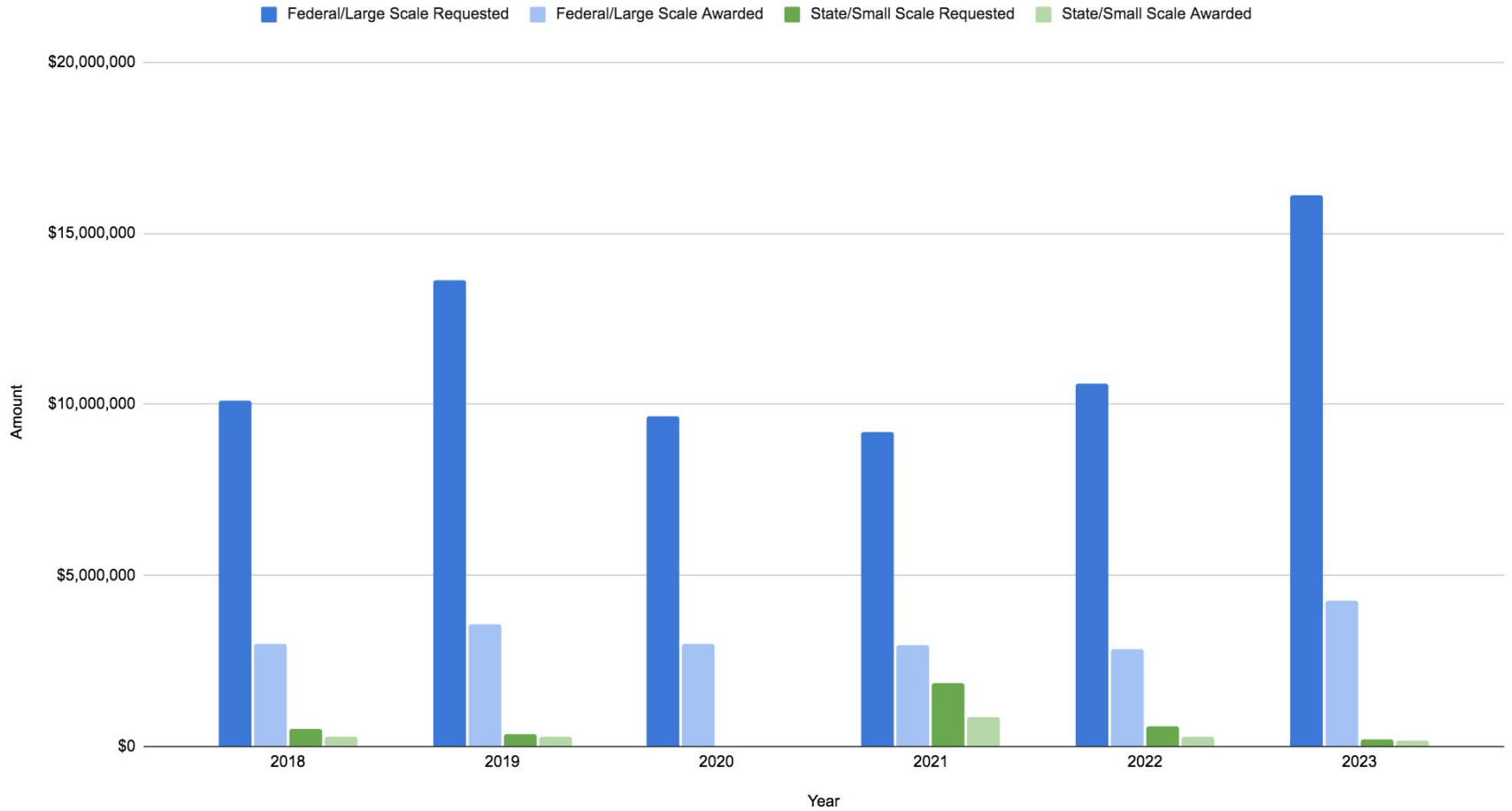
- 23% reduction in bicycle-involved crashes at stop intersections in Delaware since being passed in 2017
- Endorsed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

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2. **H693** Increases active transportation funding

Bike and Pedestrian Grant Requests to Awards Comparison



H693 - Increases funding for infrastructure grants



Increases Bike and Pedestrian Grant Program funding to 20 million

- Potential need to clarify that this is for new projects



Gives bike and pedestrian projects priority for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants



H685 asks VTrans and SHPO to evaluate historic resource review requirements for bike/ped projects

H693 - Increases funding for e-bike incentives



Increases funding for e-bike incentives to \$250,000

- Local Motion supports \$500k in funding, to ensure program stability and encourage more promotion

Thank you!

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