

RUTLAND REGION UPDATE

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RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TEAM

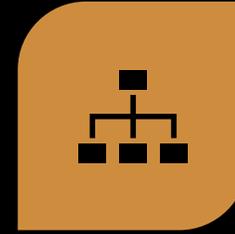
- ❑ Ethan Pepin – Transportation Program Manager
- ❑ Nic Stark – GIS Planner
- ❑ Sean Beatty – Regional Planner
- ❑ Steffanie Bourque – Senior Planner & Project Manager
- ❑ Van Purcell – GIS/Field Tech
- ❑ Summer Field Work Intern(s)



CORE TRANSPORTATION WORK



TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING



GRANT SUPPORT
& PROJECT
MANAGEMENT



DATA COLLECTION



OUTREACH &
COORDINATION



COMMITTEES &
WORKING
GROUPS

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING: BUS ROUTE CONSOLIDATION

Rutland Region is home to the State's second largest transit provider, Marble Valley Regional Transit District (AKA The Bus)

RRPC helped lead planning efforts to analyze the efficiency of the Rutland City Fixed Routes

- ❑ Resulted in consolidation of two routes
- ❑ Maintained service for 97.5% of riders of both routes
- ❑ Saved approximately \$100,000 in operating expenses



GRANT SUPPORT AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT: CASTLETON VILLAGE PEDESTRIAN PROJECT

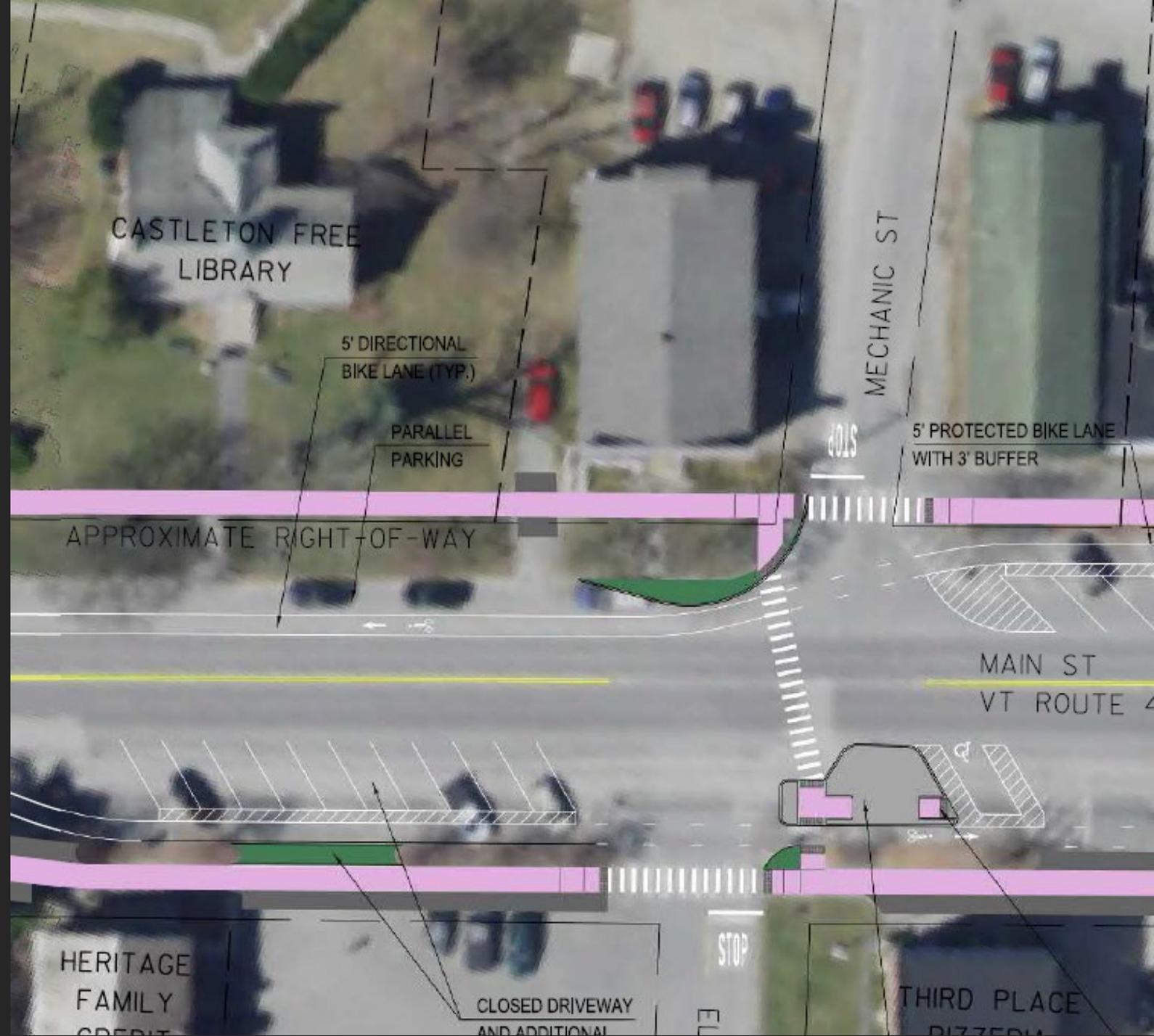
RRPC worked with Town of Castleton to identify need for pedestrian facilities in Castleton Village Center

Wrote grant application and secured funding for preliminary scoping study

Served as project manager for scoping study

Wrote grant application and secured funding for engineering & construction phase

Serving as project manager for construction phase



DATA COLLECTION: ROAD EROSION INVENTORIES

Vermont's Clean Water Act created the Municipal Roads General Permit, which requires municipalities fully reassess all hydrologically connected road segments by October, 31 2027

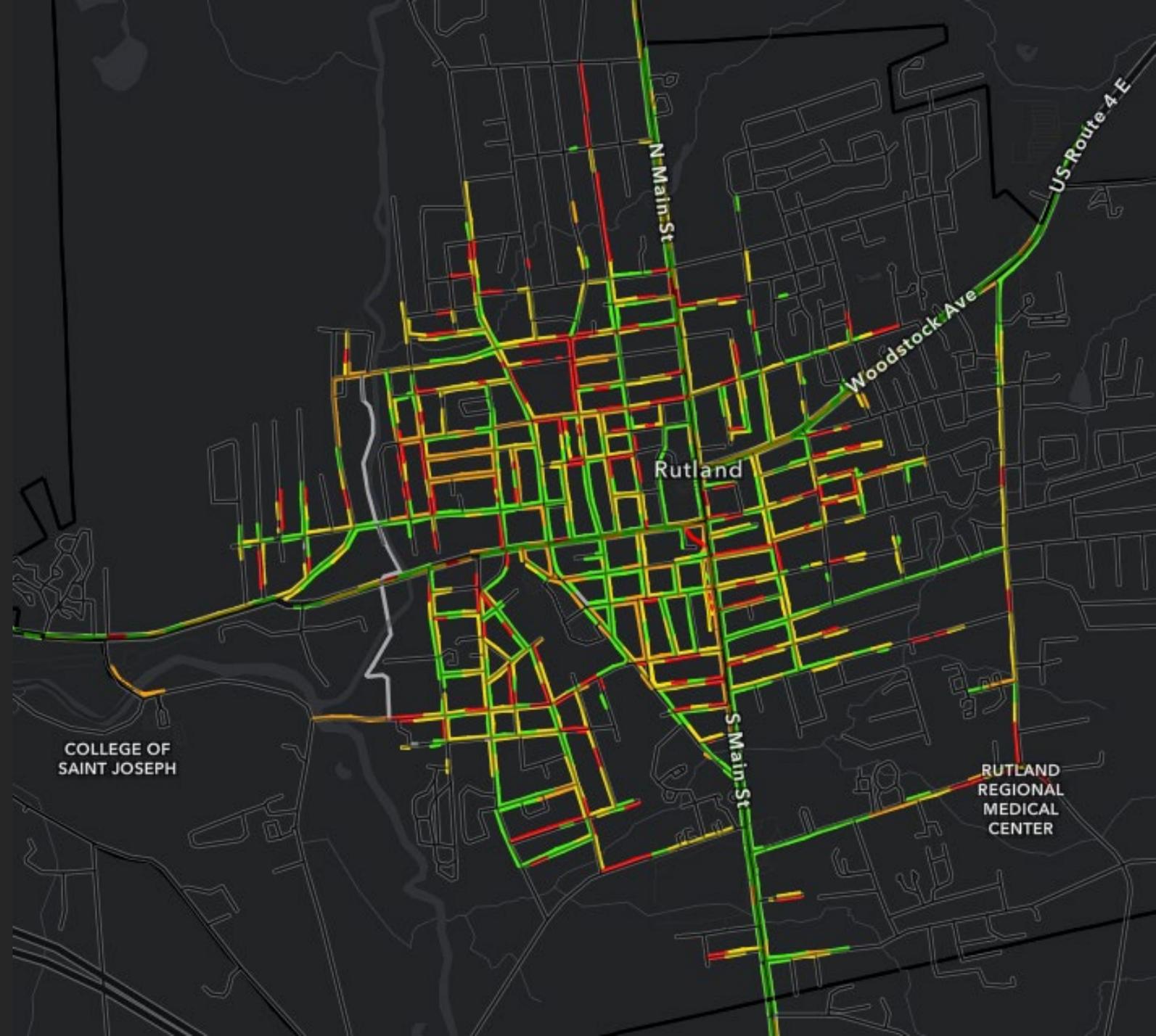
During the 2025 field: season:

- ❑ Five staff members...
- ❑ Completed Road Erosion Inventories for 11 municipalities...
- ❑ Surveyed 406.5 miles of roadway...
- ❑ Totalling just over half of all hydro segments in the Region



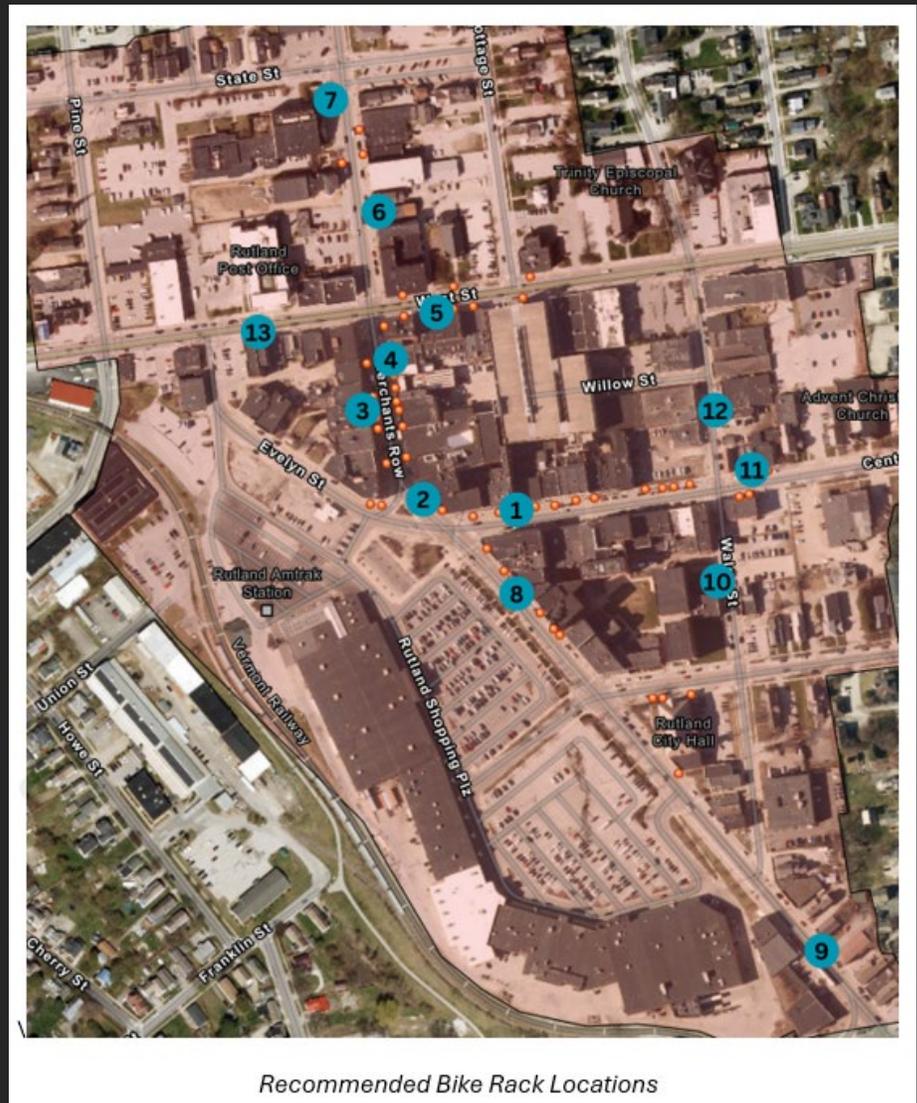
DATA COLLECTION: SIDEWALK INVENTORY

- ▣ Developed database of all regional sidewalks
- ▣ Field survey to assess condition and pedestrian safety
- ▣ Methodology developed by RRPC adopted by VTrans as state standard



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, DATA COLLECTION & GRANT SUPPORT: RUTLAND BIKE RACK PLAN

- ❑ Collected a full inventory of existing racks
- ❑ Developed rack standards and siting standards
- ❑ Analyzed racks that do not meet modern standards
- ❑ Identified priority placement locations
- ❑ Secured grant funding for implementation



Recommended Bike Rack Locations

OUTREACH & CO-ORDINATION: RUTLAND ROAD DIET

2024 RRPC led public outreach on 'Road Diet' of Woodstock Ave (US-4) and N. Main St (US-7)

2025 RRPC also conducted post construction analysis of safety and travel times

Results

- ❑ 72% crash reduction compared to previous 5-year average
- ❑ 4% year over year increase in travel times



CO-ORDINATION WITH VTRANS



VTRANS RAIL PLAN
UPDATE: STEERING
COMMITTEE MEMBER



VTRANS FREIGHT PLAN
UPDATE: STEERING
COMMITTEE MEMBER



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN
GRANT PROGRAM:
AWARD COMMITTEE



VERMONT STATE DESIGN
STANDARDS UPDATE:
STEERING COMMITTEE



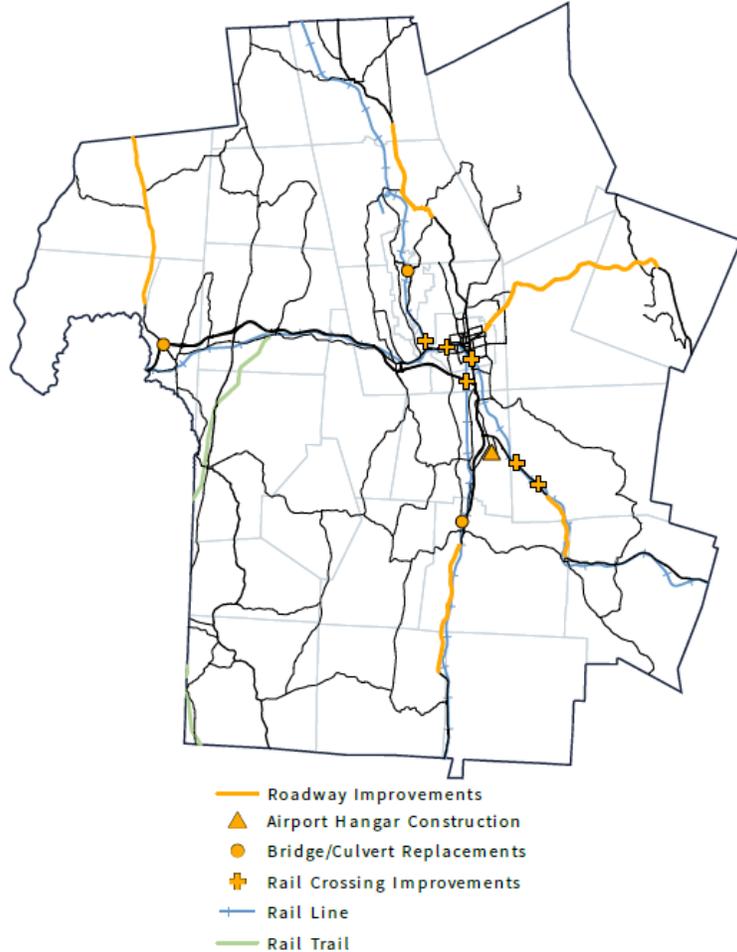
CURRENTLY ORGANIZING
2026 REGIONAL
MOBILITY SUMMIT FOR
VTRANS

COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

- ❑ Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Committee
- ❑ Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail Council
- ❑ Airport Committee
- ❑ Regional Mobility Committee



RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLAN

Prospective Transportation Improvements:

- Roadway Improvements and Modernization on 22A, US-7, US-4 and VT-103
- Airport Hangar Construction
- Prioritizing replacing deteriorated bridges/culverts (Proctor, Wallingford and Fair Haven)
- Gated rail crossings on major routes/highways
- Ethan Allen Express Rail Service expansion



REGIONAL CONCERNS

- ❑ Sidewalk maintenance is a challenge, as most communities lack in-house expertise for preventative maintenance
- ❑ Town grand list not keeping pace with rising infrastructure maintenance costs
- ❑ Flood resiliency improving, but concerns about funding damage repair remain
- ❑ Road crew staff recruiting is a challenge, poaching is an issue
- ❑ Major roadway projects currently programmed proceeding slowly: 22A & US-7 Brandon/Pittsford
- ❑ US-4 has seen numerous accidents in recent years and heavy traffic volumes in winter conditions create hazardous conditions



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***THOUGHTS?
QUESTIONS?***