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TO: Senate Committee on Transportation  
FROM: Jackie Cassino, AOT Rail Trails Program Manager

RE: Follow-up to 03/20/2026 STC Testimony of Jackie Cassino regarding the Rail Trails Program Budget

Summary of anticipated SFY2027 Rail Trail projects:

- Hyde Park STP LVRT(18) Trailhead- Trailhead expansion and improved connectivity to the Village.
- Sheldon STP LVRT (30) Sheldon Junction Trailhead PE- Engineering and plan development for Sheldon Junction Trailhead, at the junction of the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail and Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. Redevelopment and expansion of this trailhead shall mitigate existing safety and capacity issues for both trail users on the trail and vehicular traffic at the existing trailhead entrance, which is a high crash location on VT Route 105.
- St. Albans STP MVRT(2) MVRT Extension- Extension of the MVRT from its current terminus at US-7 to the Fonda Site under development by the City of St. Albans.
- Wolcott ST LVRT (25) Fisher Covered Bridge- Parking and trail access improvements to the historic Fisher Covered Bridge.
- Wolcott ST LVRT (27) Trailhead- Installation of pause place and kiosk in the footprint of the Wolcott Rail Depot.
- NVDA ST LVRT (28) Trailside Amenities- Installation of restroom enclosures, bike racks, benches, and other amenities along the LVRT in Caledonia County.
- Johnson ST LVRT (29) Trailhead Access- Improved accessible connection between the Johnson trailhead parking area, amenities, and the LVRT.
- Sheldon ST MVRT(3) Culvert- Historic stone culvert repair and historic interpretive signage.
- Statewide ST LVRT (31) Wayfinding Signage- Based on the Rail Trails Wayfinding Guidance, develop sign strategy and preliminary plans for points of interest along the rail trails, inclusive of on-trail wayfinding signs and roadway direction signs.

Sincerely,



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