

Date: April 30, 2010

To: Aimee Pope
Safe Routes to School Coordinator
Vermont Agency of Transportation
Local Transportation Facilities
1 National Life Drive
Montpelier, VT 05633-5001

RE: Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant

Dear Ms. Pope:

The City of Burlington, Champlain Elementary School (Teachers, Students, Parent Teacher Organization, and Safe Routes to School Committee) are pleased to submit three applications for Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grants, namely for the following:

1. Small-scale (VTrans Managed) installation of radar speeds signs on Shelburne Road;
2. Large-scale (Locally Managed) construction of sidewalk on the west side of Pine Street between Home Avenue and Lyman Avenue; and
3. A Feasibility Study for the construction of sidewalks, crosswalks, and placement of signs on Locust Street.

The specific projects that these grants involve target known gaps in the City's infrastructure. Installing the speed signs and constructing the sidewalk on Pine Street will help the City more immediately address biking and pedestrian safety concerns on the two main north-south arteries into and out of the City's downtown. The feasibility study will provide the necessary structure and opportunity to address a number of complicated engineering and right of way issues that complicate efforts for developing pedestrian and bike pathways connecting several neighborhoods to the school.

We firmly believe that all three projects will benefit not only the students of Champlain but also all of our residents, young and old. The City views all of these projects as enhancements to the entire community, making it a better, safer, cleaner, and healthier place.

The City is committed to assisting with these projects and to maintaining the sidewalks and signs into the future. We fully support these efforts. We have worked with Champlain's Safe Routes to School Committee to develop realistic designs, plans, and budgets for achieving the objectives of the three projects.

We hope that you will favorably consider our applications.

Sincerely,

William Keogh
Burlington City Council President
(on behalf of the Burlington City Council)