

## MEMORANDUM

To: Keith Osborne; Town of Richmond  
From: Jason Charest, PE, PTP; CCRPC  
Date: 6/13/2024  
Re: Cochran Road Study – Status Update

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A project status update was requested at our monthly check-in meeting in light of recent events concerning the makeup of the town's transportation committee which is currently serving as the project advisory committee. Bulleted below is a summary of the study background and next steps.

### Background

- A scope of work was developed with transportation committee members in the fall of 2023.
- In February 2024 the scope of work was finalized and a notice to proceed was issued.
- The study consists of three main parts: a scoping level (detailed) examination of Cochran Road in Richmond Village & Jonesville areas that will look at multimodal improvements, a corridor level (less detailed) examination of Cochran Road between Richmond Village and Jonesville areas that also looks at multimodal improvements, and traffic calming options/recommendations for Cochran Road.
- The total project budget is \$50,000 with the town contributing a 20% match at \$10,000.
- The project website is: <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/current-projects/corridors-circulation/cochran-road-corridor-study/>
- A local concerns meeting was held on 4/9/2024 to formally introduce the public to the project and hear their concerns and feedback.
- A draft purpose and need statement has been assembled and reflects what was heard at the local concerns meeting. The purpose and need statement serves as the lens through which alternatives are evaluated.

### Next Steps

- Develop draft scoping alternatives, corridor concepts, and traffic calming recommendations. Traffic calming recommendations are to supplement and/or complement the recently installed speed humps.
- Review draft materials and finalize the purpose and need statement with the transportation/advisory committee. Prepare for a second public meeting.
- Publicize and host second public meeting in conjunction with a regularly scheduled transportation committee meeting.
- Refine draft materials based on public feedback and review with the transportation/advisory committee.
- Develop draft report(s) for transportation/advisory committee review and comment.
- Present draft final recommendations to the Richmond selectboard and seek preferred scoping alternatives for Richmond Village and Jonesville areas of Cochran Road.
- Revise recommendations as appropriate, and document the selectboard decision(s) in the draft final report(s).
- Finalize the study report(s).