

Ferry Road Pedestrian Crossing Project

1. Project: To improve the pre-existing pedestrian crosswalk on Ferry Road. This will be accomplished through the purchase and installation of a solar-powered pedestrian crossing sign system and repainting the crosswalk markings with reflective paint.
2. Purpose: Allow for safe crossing on a road that sees excessive speed at all times of day, especially with commuter and ferry traffic.
3. Estimated Cost: \$10,350
 - Equipment & Materials: \$9400
 - Installation: \$450 for posts and installation
 - Crosswalk paint & material: \$500
4. Beneficiaries
 - Charlotte Central School students taking the bus to the library for after-school activities.
 - Seniors who travel by foot between the Senior Center and the Library
 - Senior Center staff and program participants who park in Town Hall parking lot
 - Families from the Charlotte Children's Center who visit the library after preschool
 - Charlotte Fire & Rescue members responsible for community safety
 - Customers at Stone's Throw Pizza who attend summer programs
 - All Charlotters and visitors interested in improved safety, comfort and walkability in the West Village
5. Funding: The entire cost of the project is grant funded with no additional cost to the Town or to taxpayers
 - \$8000: ALA Accessibility Grant funds
 - \$4000: Climate Catalyst Grant funds from the Vermont Council on Rural Development
 - \$500: American Walks Grant funds
 - Additional funds from the Charlotte Energy Committee
6. Support
 - Charlotte Senior Center: The Senior Center is within walking distance from the library, yet there is no safe way to cross the busy road. Adding a pedestrian crossing will increase the safety for participants to attend events at the library.
 - Charlotte Central School:
 - Charlotte Energy Committee: Contributing to improved walkability as stated in the Town Plan:
 - The Town supports the use of appropriate roads and trails to be available for uses such as bicycling, equestrian, and walking for transportation.
 - Transportation energy is also included in the State of Vermont's energy goal of using $\frac{1}{3}$ less energy per capita by 2050. Transportation energy use can be reduced by increasing opportunities for public transit or

carpooling, as well as by siting future development that is easily accessible by walking or bicycling, rather than necessitating a car.

- For village areas, pedestrian pathways to service development shall be incorporated in subdivision or site plan design where feasible, to connect existing and planned public pedestrian pathways.
- Charlotte Children's Center parents and grandparents

7. Considerations

- Grant fund deadline: ALA grant report is due May 31, 2024.
- Vendor Quote: Extended to May 5, 2024

8. Timeline

- Quotes received: March 5, 2024
- Proposal updated: Mar 8, 2024
- Proposal submitted to town administrator: Mar 19, 2024
- Grant report due: May 31, 2024