



Upper Valley Lake Sunapee  
Regional Planning Commission

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**RE: UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Prioritization of Transportation Alternatives Program Applications**

Dear Mr. Jameson:

Please be advised that the UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to review and prioritize two applications from the UVLSRPC region for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. The two applications prioritized were:

City of Claremont – This proposal consists of several project components aimed at improving pedestrian and bicycle access and upgrading existing non-motorized infrastructure between Stevens High School, Monadnock Park, and the Bobby Woodman Trail:

- Replace sidewalk in poor condition with multi-use path along Broad St between Stevens High School and the Bobby Woodman Trail.
- Construct/delineate new pedestrian route/path through Monadnock Park from Broad St entrance to Chesnut St entrance, including upgraded pedestrian crossing across Broad St (curb bump-outs and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons).
- Surface improvements along the Bobby Woodman Trail from Chesnut St to the Sugar River bridge.

Town of Newport – The Town of Newport proposes to reconstruct sidewalk in poor condition along NH Route 11/Sunapee St starting at Main St and extending slightly past Sargent Ln. The current sidewalk has lost grade separation with the roadway in many places and is badly degraded. The new sidewalk will be constructed with appropriate grade separation, granite curbing, improved drainage, and a landscaped edge. The project area is adjacent to the Richards Elementary School.

Using our regional project scoring system, the TAC scored and unanimously prioritized the projects as detailed below:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Score (out of 10)</b>
1	City of Claremont	7.48
2	Town of Newport	6.77



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The TAC noted that both projects addressed significant non-motorized transportation needs and that both projects warrant funding through the TAP program. In particular, the following comments were noted:

- The TAC noted the key multimodal connections of the Claremont proposal to Stevens High School, Claremont Middle School, the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, Monadnock Park and the Marion L. Phillips affordable housing development along Broad Street. Broad Street is currently a challenging environment for pedestrians and bicyclists with 12,000 AADT and significant on-street parking activity.
- Members of the TAC familiar with the Newport project area noted the high volume of pedestrian activity along this stretch of NH Route 11/Sunapee St and the important connection to Main Street. The current sidewalk condition and lack of grade separation was another concern given the high traffic volume (9,500 – 10,000 AADT) and truck route – restoring proper grade separation and ADA-compliant surface to the sidewalk will result in a significant safety improvement.

TAC members also noted their concern that the UVLSRPC region did not receive any TAP project awards in the 2018 round.

The TAC thanks NHDOT for this opportunity to review and prioritize Transportation Alternatives Program project applications in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee region. Please feel free to contact me at (603) 448-1680 or email me at [abelensz@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:abelensz@uvlsrpc.org) with any questions you have.

Respectfully Submitted,

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