

NOTES FROM CONSULTATION WITH VTRANS - 4/20/18

Sunderland Safe Roads Committee members met with Jon Kaplan to receive feedback regarding Sunderland's rejected 2017 grant application which was a large scale project. Jon suggested that if Sunderland wished to apply again for a grant he would suggest applying for a small scale grant. Matching with this grant is 50/50. After reviewing the scope of the project Jon felt it was too small for a large scale which is a federal grant. Committee members expressed that the cost of the 50/50 match would be difficult to get passed. Jon then indicated with a small scale the costs can be less because it's a state grant not a federal. He indicated small scale can be more flexible in using in kind town work as part of the match, and that the town would have to follow their own procurement so could use town crew instead of bidding out.

Jon indicated that engineering costs could be significantly less. He also indicated that that small scale only pays for construction costs, not engineering design costs. He also noted Inspection cost goes away under small scale. He did note that historical and archaeological reviews are still needed. Committee members said that the original scoping study covered that.

Timeline is that the applications should go out by end of April, with grants due end of June, 2018. VTRANS meets in August, decision made in September. Jon noted small scale projects are expected to be completed within the upcoming year. He also said administratively, it's a lot less. And in kind work can be a number of things, up to the town, state does not get involved with where in kind comes from. Jon feels the project would be strong as a small scale application.

Committee will pass this information to select board and request direction from them on how they want to proceed.

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