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## Vernon Receives \$400,000 Grant to Enhance Accessibility and Connectivity in Downtown Rockville

**VERNON, CT** – Mayor Daniel A. Champagne announced today that the Town has received a \$400,000 grant commitment to enhance conditions for walking and bicycling to and within the downtown Rockville area of Vernon. The “Rockville Center Connectivity” project will be funded through the Community Connectivity Grant Program that is administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

The connectivity project will implement recommendations identified in Vernon’s Plan of Conservation and Development as well as its Road Safety Audit. The project will fill an existing gap in pedestrian and bicycling access within Rockville, helping to connect local retail and government centers for residents and visitors.

“The goal of this project is to make conditions safer and more accommodating for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities,” said Town Administrator Michael Purcaro. “These improvements will encourage a healthier and more environmentally sustainable choice of transportation, making our downtown center a more accessible place to live, work and visit.”

“This is a great project for both the outdoor enthusiast and the historians that live in or visit Vernon,” said David Smith, Town Engineer. “I look forward to working with the various stakeholders in our community to implement this portion of a multi-faceted initiative to improve the accessibility and connectivity of Vernon.”

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