

Bennington, VT - Joining local and regional officials beside a busy Route 7 in Bennington, Rep. Peter Welch announced \$500,000 in federal transportation funding he recently secured for the town's planned streetscape project.

The funding will support creating an underpass for pedestrians to cross under the limited-access Route 7.

"I am pleased to have matched Bennington's need for funding this project with federal resources. After talking with local officials, it was clear this project improves pedestrian safety and will help keep traffic moving on Route 7," said Welch.

"I know Bennington County has many transportation needs. Securing funding for this project is a start," added Welch.

Joining Welch were Town Manager Stuart Hurd, Zoning Administrator Dan Monks, Jeff Mast from the Bennington Regional Planning Commission, and members of the Bennington Select Board including Lodie Colvin, chair, and John A. Zink, vice chair.

The funding was originally secured by Welch in the House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) appropriations bill.