

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents an analysis of parking needs within the village of Richmond, VT. It identifies deficiencies and recommends strategies to manage the existing supply more efficiently and presents alternatives for adding new parking spaces.

The approximate extent of the study area is shown in Figure 1. Parking issues are most acute within the retail/commercial core located along Bridge Street between US 2 and Railroad Street. That area contains a mix of restaurants, offices, retail establishments, professional services, and homes.

Parking is available within the core in on-street spaces and in private and public off-street lots. Public and private parking is also available in other nearby areas of the village. Therefore, the study area extends south along Bridge Street to the bridge, and north, east, and west of the Bridge Street-US 2 intersection.

The study includes an inventory of the existing parking supply, data collection to determine the number and duration of parked cars during peak periods, and comparison of existing demand to national data sources. Different approaches to manage the parking supply are discussed and evaluated and concept plans are presented for improvements to existing parking facilities and for new parking spaces. An implementation plan is included that suggests timing for the recommendations, identifies next steps, and discusses potential funding sources.

A draft of the this study was prepared on March 23, 2007 and distributed by the Town to selectboard and planning commission members, and several businesses. The recommendations were presented to the Selectboard at its April 2, 2007 meeting. There was a video recording of the meeting that was shown on public access television. The findings and recommendations of the report were also summarized in an April 2007 edition of the Times Ink of Richmond and Huntington. The public was invited to submit comments through May 1, 2007.

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Figure 1: Study Area

