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Micro Transit
Access
Over
Ownership



Downtown Montpelier VT Parking Allocated Real Estate

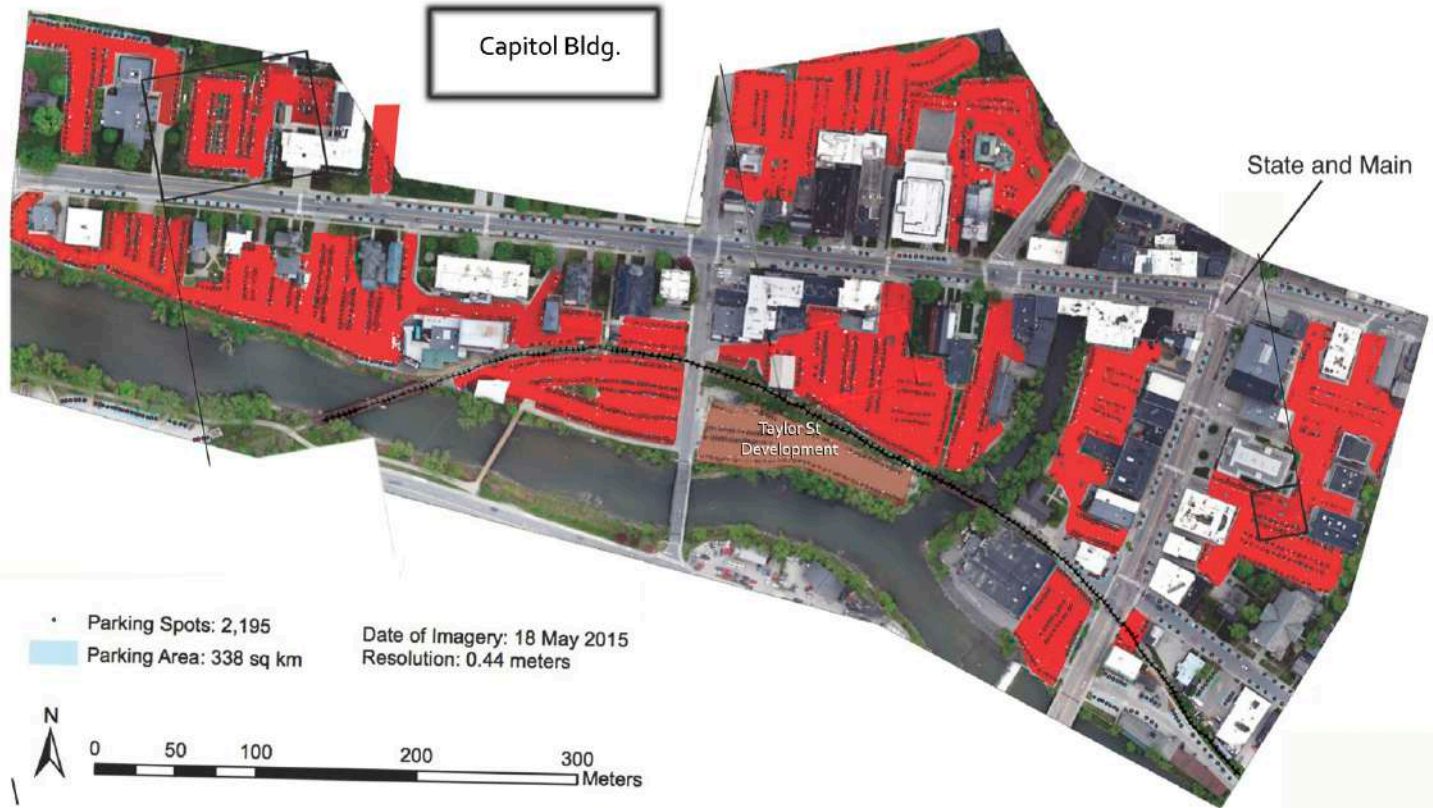


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Acres of Parking



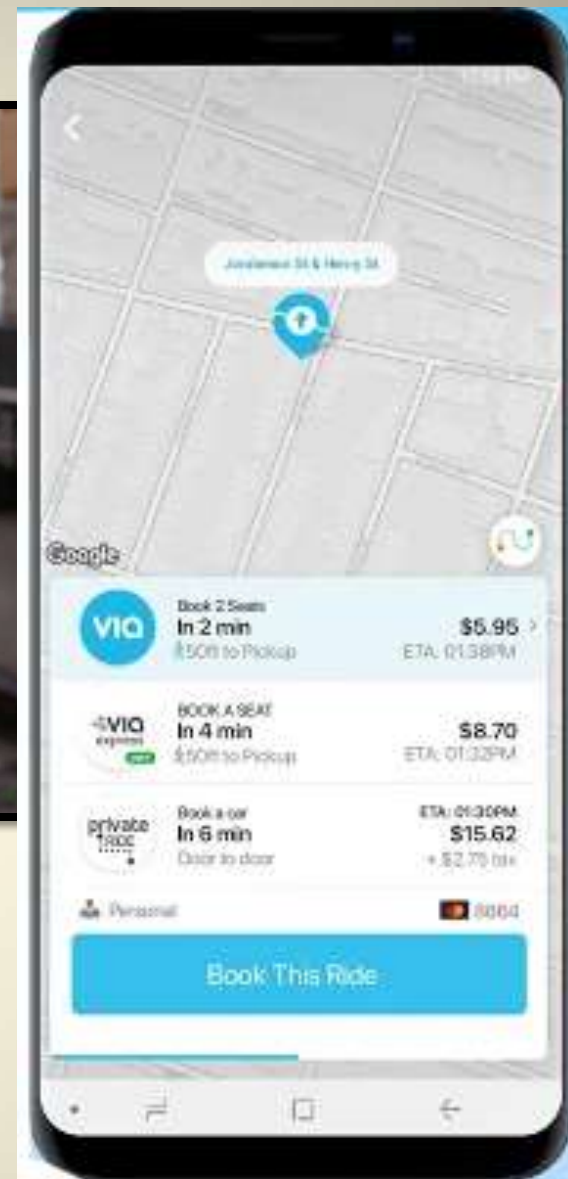
Traffic Jams



**Fixed Route
Fixed Schedule
Bus**



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On Demand Micro Transit



Study, Report, Engage

Transportation 2020 Plan				
Action Steps	Who	Time	Cost	When
Rider Engagement Plan	Parker, Birn, Dan	50 Hrs.		Feb '20 OR May '20
Performance Indicators & Metrics	Parker, Birn, Dan, ODMT Advisory Council, VTrans, Operator, Software Provider	35 Hrs.		Feb '20 OR May '20
Survey Current Riders	Center For Rural Studies, Parker, Birn, Dan, Montpelier, Senior Center Volunteers	200 Hrs Volunteer 216 Hrs	\$8,000 CRS Volunteer Training Food \$200	Feb '20 - May '20 OR May '20 - Aug '20 March '20 - May '20 OR May '20 - July '20 May '20 OR July '20 Feb '20 - May '20 OR May '20 - July '20 Feb '20 - Nov '20 OR May '20 - Jan '21 June '20 - July '20 OR August '20 - Sept '20 Feb '20 - June '20 OR May '20 - Aug '20 June '20 - July '20 OR August '20 - Sept '20 June '20 - Dec '20 OR Aug '20 - De '20

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 22, 2019

K. Jane Williams
Acting Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590
United States

Dear Acting Administrator Williams:

We write to express our strong support for the Vermont Agency of Transportation's application to the Federal Transit Administration's Integrated Mobility Innovation Demonstration Program (FTA-2019-008-TRI). We are pleased to bring this proposal to your attention.

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) successfully plans and maintains efficient transportation networks in one of the most rural states in the nation, providing access to basic resources and services for all of Vermont's residents. The Agency has a long record of successfully administering federal programs across all transportation modes. For this project, VTrans will partner with Via Transportation, Inc., a leading developer and operator of on-demand transit solutions.

Montpelier, Vermont is the smallest state capital in the United States, with 7,500 residents. Montpelier has a vibrant downtown, but its low density and rural landscape make it challenging for residents without personal vehicles to access jobs, groceries, healthcare, and other community resources. Microtransit—a shared, on-demand, dynamically-routed shuttle bus service—can provide increased flexibility and accessibility to travelers. Microtransit also decreases operational costs for agencies, increases ridership, supports economic growth, and expands mobility for underserved communities. VTrans is partnering with Via Transportation, Inc. to deploy a microtransit service in Montpelier that will be tailored to the particular challenges of this rural area, including transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities. As one of the first truly rural microtransit deployments in the United States, this project will serve as a model for many other communities throughout the country.

VTrans and Via Transportation, Inc. are well-positioned to lead this innovative pilot. Thank you for giving this application the serious consideration it deserves. If we can provide further evidence of support for this grant proposal, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Sincerely,

PATRICK LEAHY
United States Senator

BERNARD SANDERS
United States Senator

PETER WELCH
United States Congressman

MTA-2019-008-TRI-001



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