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NEWS RELEASE

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On October 20, 2020, the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board approved an allocation of \$451,184 in federal Transportation Alternatives Set-aside funding to the Town of Gordonsville for a Safe Routes to School grant project that will fund sidewalk and crosswalk improvements in proximity to the campus of Gordon Barbour Elementary School located in the town.

Using information from an August 2019 Safe Routes to School walkabout report that documented possible sidewalk and crosswalk improvements for improved pedestrian accessibility to the school, the Town selected for implementation six sidewalk and crosswalk improvements focused around the school campus and applied to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Safe Routes to School grant funding in October 2019.

The Transportation Alternatives Set-aside funding program is a local match program administered by VDOT—the Town will fund 20% of the project cost and has asked for financial assistance from Orange County Public Schools as nearly half of the improvements will affect sidewalks on the GBES campus.

“Many communities around Virginia have utilized this program,” said Gordonsville Mayor Bob Coiner. “We are excited to build these needed sidewalks around GBES, and also extend our sidewalks to Jefferson Apartments. This is a very cost efficient way to significantly expand sidewalks in Gordonsville.”

Plan development for the project is expected to begin within the year, and, in accordance with grant provisions, project construction must begin by October 1, 2024.

For more information about the Safe Routes to School project, contact the Town Manager’s office at 540-832-2233 or via email to dkendall@gordonsville.org.

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