

# US ROUTE 4 CORRIDOR

Local Concerns Meeting  
JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



# Agenda

- Welcome + Project Team Introductions
- Project Purpose & Need
- Review of Scope & Schedule
- Existing Conditions Overview
- Discussion of Local Concerns
- Next Steps



# 01 || Project Team



# Project Team



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- Rose O'Brien



- Steffanie Bourque



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- Larry Courcelle
- Patti Lancaster
- Fred Bagley
- Seth Bridge



- Ashley Andrews
- Ross Gouin





# 02 || Draft Project Purpose & Need





# Draft Project Purpose

The purpose of the Town of Mendon US Route 4 Corridor Scoping Study is to identify improvements to enhance **safety for all users** along and across the US Route 4 corridor through the Town of Mendon while enhancing access to the **Village District** and **recreational resources**.



# Draft Project Needs

The need for this project is driven by the deficiencies in the current transportation infrastructure and a need for comprehensive corridor planning. These needs are articulated below:

- **No Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations:** The corridor lacks safe crossings, sidewalks, and bike lanes. There are many commercial and recreational resources along the corridor with no designated places to safely cross.
- **Vehicular Traffic Calming:** There are ongoing speeding issues along the corridor (85<sup>th</sup> percentile 55-64 mph) that create an inhospitable environment for cyclists and pedestrians.
- **Access Management & Intersection Operations:** Frequent vehicular access points create additional conflicts for cyclists and pedestrians traveling along the corridor.
- **Transit Improvements:** The corridor is served by Marble Valley Regional Transit System, however, stops along the corridor lack formal accommodations.





# 03 || Project Schedule





# Project Schedule

- Project Kick-off Meeting *May 2023*
- Document Existing Conditions *In progress*
- Identify Resource Constraints *In progress*
- Local Concerns Meeting **Today**
- Develop Conceptual Alternatives *July - September 2023*
- Alternatives Presentation Meeting *September 2023*
- Draft Report Preparation *October 2023*
- Final Public Meeting *January 2024*
- Final Report Preparation *February 2024*

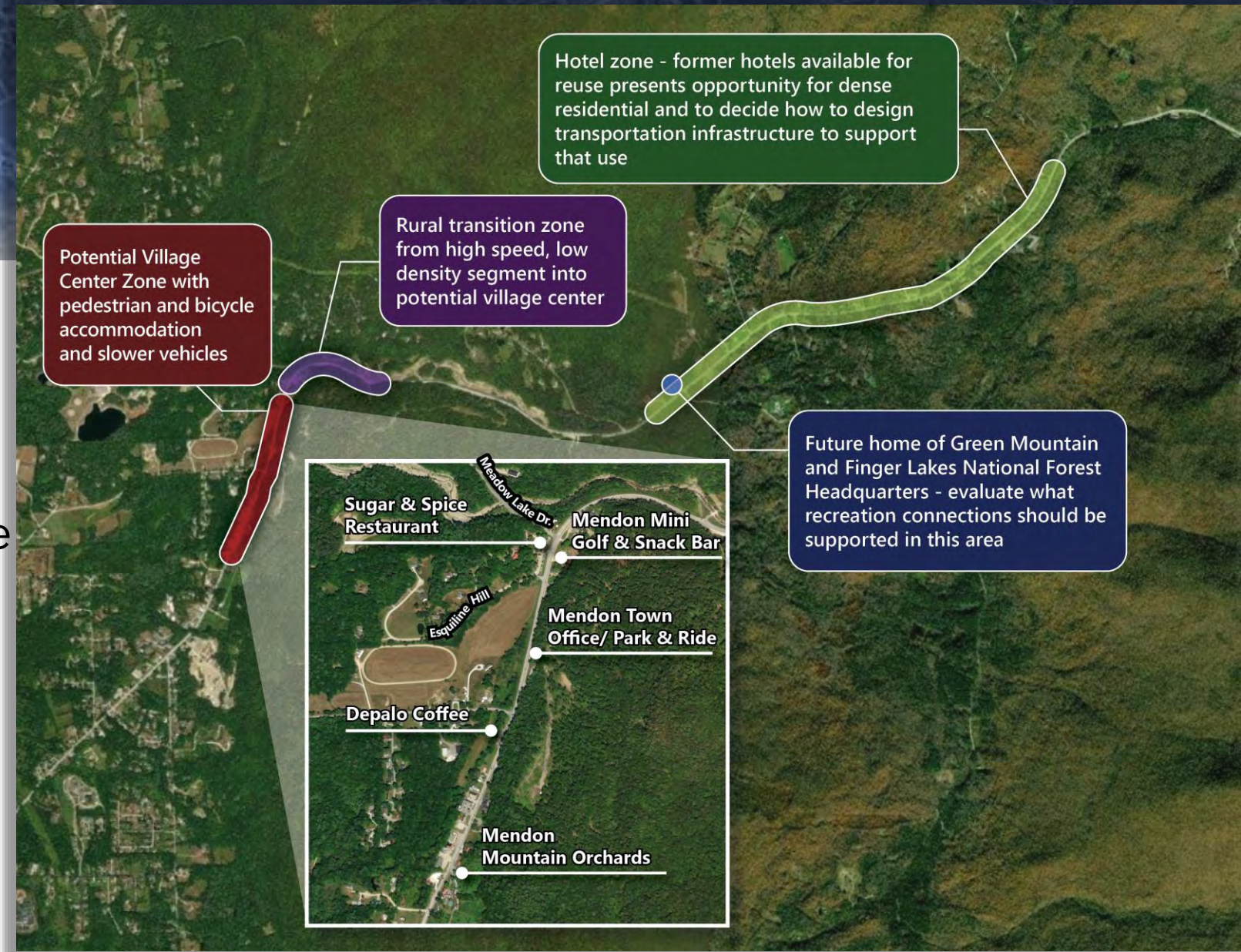
# 04|| Existing Conditions





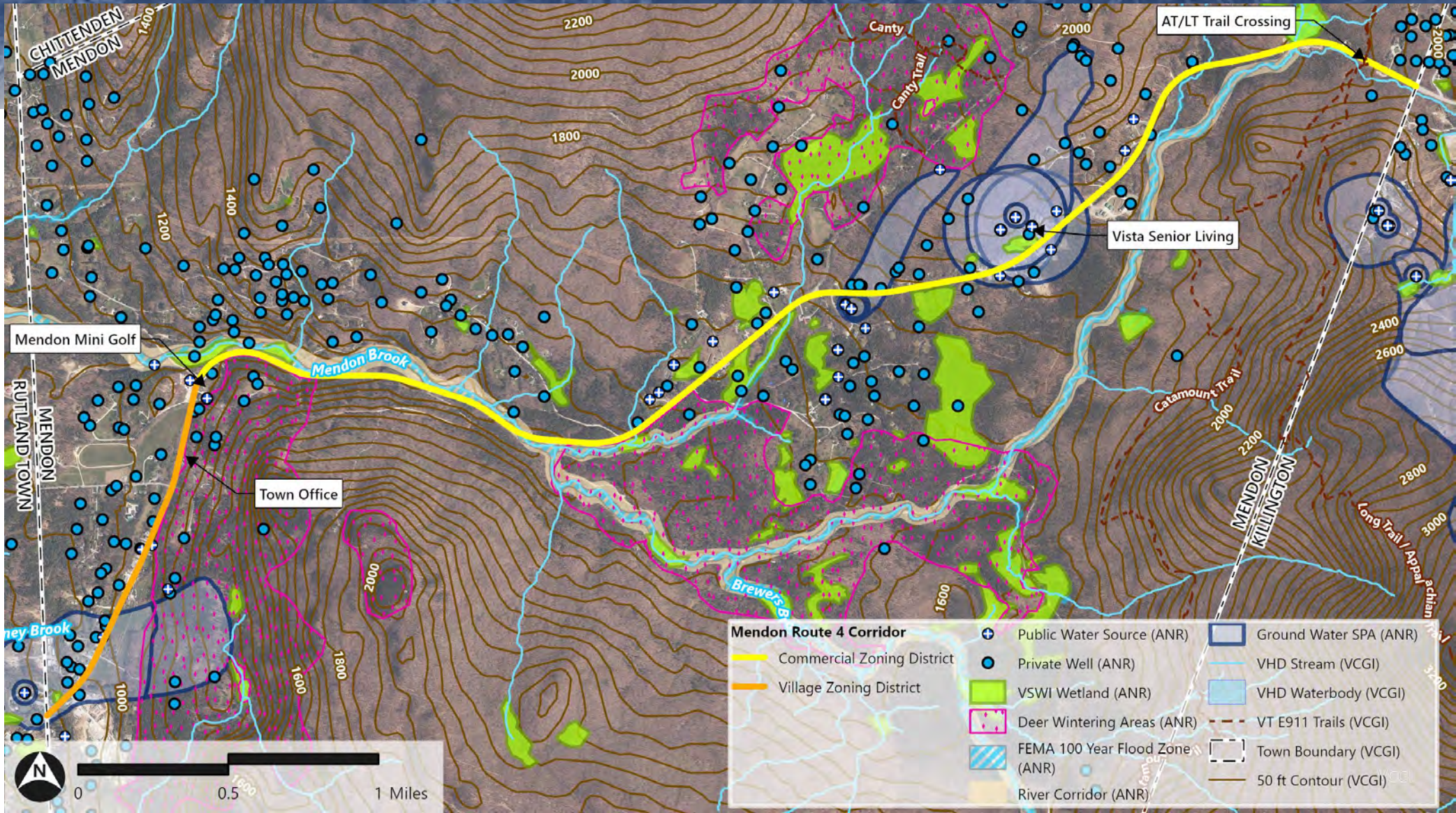
# Project Area

The project area includes 6 miles along US Route 4 in the Town of Mendon from the Rutland Town to Killington town lines.





# Existing Conditions- Environmental





# Existing Conditions- Traffic & Safety

- 2021 AADT along US Route 4 in Mendon varies from 10,187- 11,532 vehicles per day according to the VTrans Route Log
- 67 Crashes from 2018-2022
  - 6 involving speeding or aggressive driving
  - 2 Fatal Crashes
    - 1 involving a pedestrian

# Existing Conditions- Traffic & Safety





# Existing Conditions- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities

- There are no bicycle or pedestrian facilities along US-4 in Mendon.
- Recreation Resources
  - Catamount Trail
  - Long Trail
  - Appalachian Trail
  - VAST
  - Future Green Mtn National Forest HQ
  - Future Velomont Trail crossing

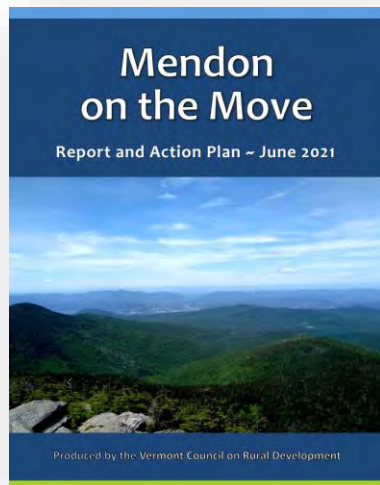


# Existing Conditions- Previous Studies

## Mendon on the Move

identified that residents want to:

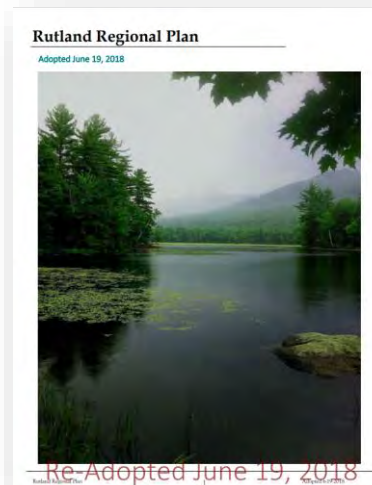
- Boost Outdoor Recreation
- Reimagine and Improve the **Route 4 Corridor**



## Rutland Regional Plan

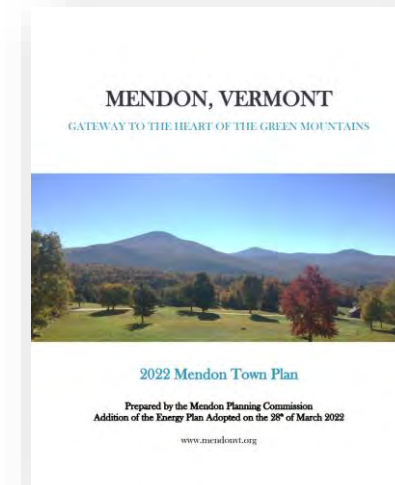
identified:

- **Unsafe** intersections/ highway segments along Route 4 in Mendon



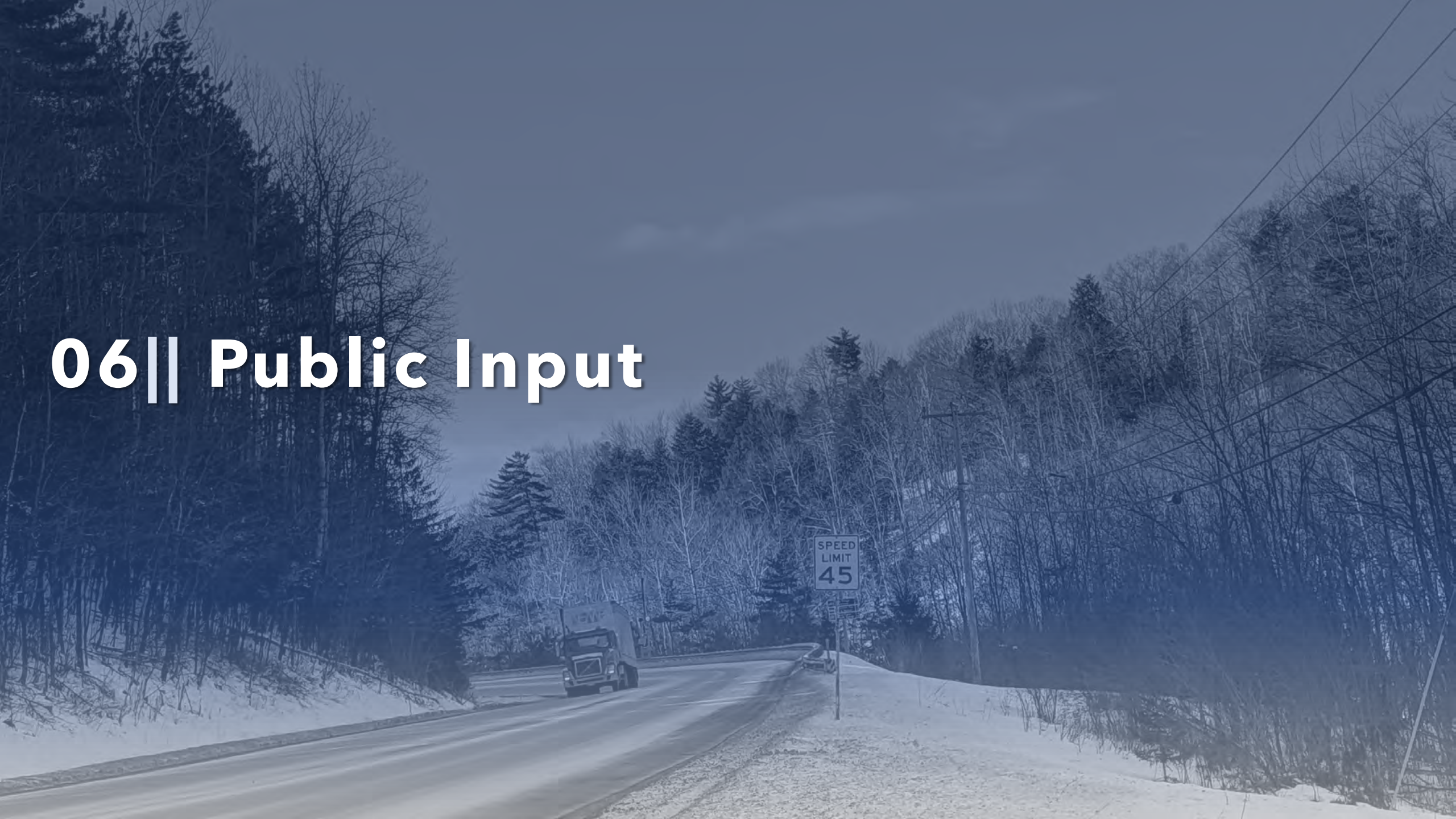
## Mendon Town Plan identified that:

- Bicycle and pedestrian travel are critical elements in creating a **balanced** and **resilient** transportation network.





# 06 || Public Input





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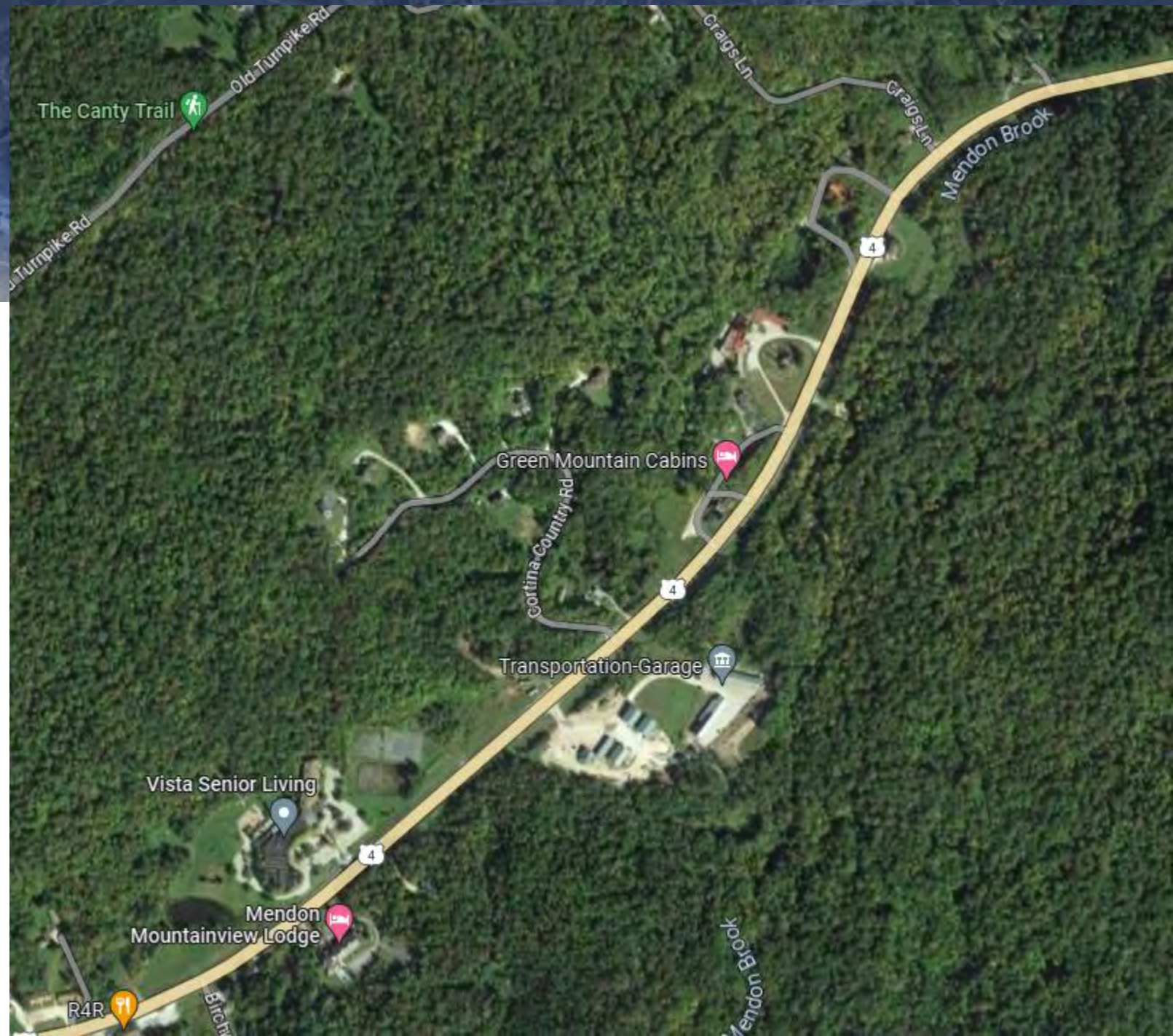


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# 05 || Next Steps





# Next Steps

- Finalize Purpose and Need Statement
- Develop Alternatives
- Identify Resource Constraints & Permitting Requirements
- Alternatives Presentation Meeting - Fall 2023



# Stay Connected!



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