

# Planning & Environment Linkages (PEL) Study



## Do You Live, Work, or Travel Through Northern Addison County?

The Vergennes PEL Study is a three-year, in-depth study to evaluate transportation alternatives that could reduce the impact of large truck traffic on Vermont's Route 22A as it passes through Vergennes. The study will consider the economic vitality, environment, and quality of life in the northern Addison County communities of Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Waltham, Addison, New Haven, and Weybridge.

### What is a PEL Study?

A Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) study links state and local planning with the federal environmental review process to streamline and shorten decision-making on major transportation projects. The goal is to recommend alternatives that will be evaluated more closely in a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) environmental review.

### Why Reduce the Impact of Truck Traffic in Vergennes?

Each day, around 750 trucks travel northbound and southbound through Main Street in downtown Vergennes. That number is projected to grow, prompting concerns about the safety and quality of life of those who live and work along the 22A corridor in Vergennes and the viability of the city's downtown businesses.

### Who is Leading the Vergennes PEL Study?

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) is leading this federally funded study in close collaboration with the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC).

### Who is Involved in the Study?

The study is seeking input from a variety of stakeholders, including town leaders and legislators, state transportation planning and environmental specialists, local businesses, representatives of federal agencies, the Vermont trucking industry, and the general public.

### What Routes Are Being Studied?

Five routes are being studied that could reroute some or all non-local truck traffic around Vergennes. Those routes are shown on the reverse of this fact sheet. A sixth option is for no changes to traffic flow.

### What is the Timeline for a Decision?

The Vergennes PEL Study will make a recommendation—not a final decision—of an alternative route(s) for FHWA to study by the end of 2024. Construction of any new roadway, if approved, would not begin for another 15+ years.

## How Can I Get Involved and Learn More?

Anyone who lives or works in Vergennes and the surrounding communities or travels 22A through the study area is a stakeholder, and your opinion is important.

Visit the PEL Study's website to stay up to date on the study, upcoming public meetings, and surveys.



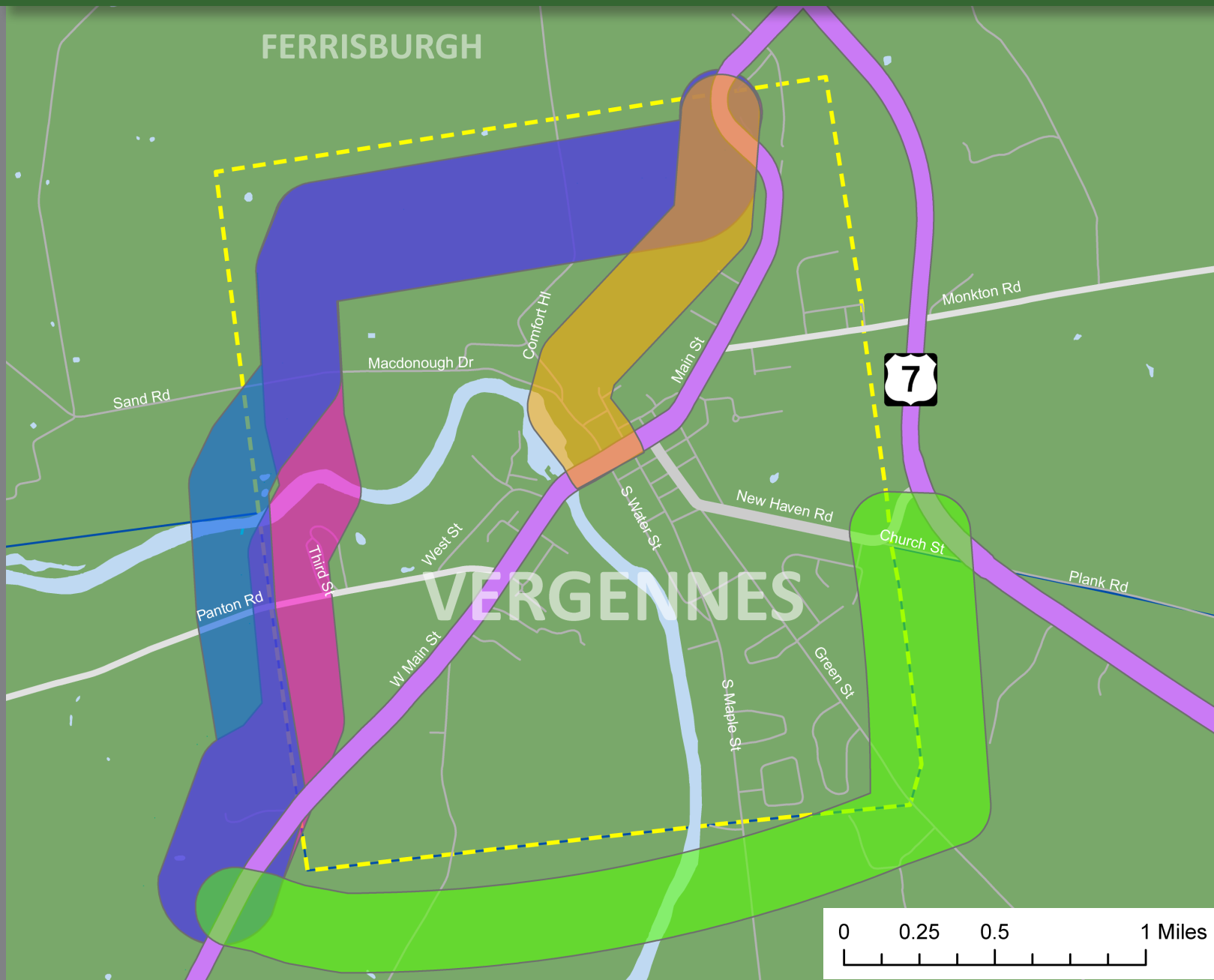
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# Potential Routing Options Currently Being Studied



## Current Routing Options

### New Routes



*These options show potential new roadways to divert through truck traffic.*

### Improvements to Existing Roads

 Shown in inset view.

*This option utilizes existing roads to reroute traffic to reduce through truck traffic. This option maintains through truck traffic on southbound VT-22A while rerouting northbound truck traffic onto VT-17 as shown.*

### No Build - Not shown

*This option assumes that no changes are made to roadways or traffic flow in the future, beyond normal routine maintenance and minor improvement projects.*

