



**Complete Streets Funding Program
Tier 3 Project Application
Exhibit A - Scope of Work Narrative**

Municipality: Town of Swansea

Date: 10/1/2021

Describe each project included in the Tier 3 Project Application (Excel file) as recommended below. Be sure to detail any components that were not sufficiently described in the Project Application.

Add additional projects to this document as needed. Submit this Scope of Work Narrative as a Word document (not a PDF) with the Tier 3 Project Application.

Describe projects in the order they appear on the Tier 3 Project Application:

Tier 2 Project Priority Ranking: 7

Project Name: Bark Street Sidewalks and Bicycle Lanes

Project Description:

This project addresses both a pedestrian and bicyclist network gap and improves connectivity to downtown, schools and nearby Somerset. The project will leverage past and future investment to create a vibrant downtown and inter-community network. This project includes installation of **new** 5'-wide ADA/AAB compliant sidewalks and curb ramps along the west side of Bark Street for approximately three quarters of a mile between Stevens Road, which connects to Main Street downtown, and Brayton Avenue, which is the Somerset town line. The project also includes striping new unbuffered 5ft-wide bicycle lanes on Bark Road between Stevens Road and Somerset town line, a popular bicycling destination. This area of Bark Street serves a relatively large residential neighborhood on the western side and will provide a new connection to downtown to the north, and Somerset Middle School (for recreation) and places of worship to the south. The new sidewalks and bicycle lanes will enhance access to key amenities, such as the Town Hall, the Library, Wood School and multiple places of worship. The scenic Swansea Dam and picnic area is also included in local attractions in this area as is the Village Park trail, a popular recreation area for cyclists. This project especially addresses safety for cyclists traveling this route, increases ADA accessibility and allows for pedestrian safety for all users. The completion of this project assists us in finalizing the Bark Street sidewalk network improvements that were completed by MassDOT (Stevens Road to Marvel Street in 2015) as a TIP project. These proposed south segment improvements on Bark Street complement this previous work and serve as a foundation for future work. In conjunction with the installation of these sidewalks, the Town plans on paving and restriping the roadway utilizing the Town's Chapter 90 allotment. The Bark Street project is the first step in our plans to complete the streets in this area. We have listed on our spring schedule sidewalks and a bicycle lane on Chace Street, addressing network gaps at that location, as well as nearby Buffington Street with more missing sidewalks. Both of these also appear on the prioritization plan and we will be utilizing local funds. All of these will connect together, creating a safe loop for this neighborhood and its visitors. Due to the nature of the Bark Street project kick starting others, we decided to select it as our project this year despite its rank #7 in the prioritization plan.