


Project Information

Project Name:	SRTS Sidewalks at Multiple Schools	Federal Project#:	TAP-5115(304)
Project Number:	EN24-115-295, M501, P101, R201	Project Type:	Construction
UPC:	125450	Charge Number:	UPC-0000125450-68X
Project Number(Assoc)(UPC):			
Route Number:	9999	Route Type:	N/A
Project Limit--From:	Intersection of West Gay St. and Chicago Ave.	To:	0.08 M. W. Intersection of West Gay St. and Chicago Ave.
IPM Project Description:	SRTS SIDEWALKS AT MULTIPLE SCHOOLS		
Additional Project Description:	Project will construct three sidewalk segments to fill gaps between existing sidewalks and improve safe pedestrian access to two different schools: Waterman Elementary School and Keister Elementary School. One sidewalk segment is on Gay Street at Waterman Elementary School where sidewalk will be constructed to fill a gap in the sidewalks along Gay Street and to create a safe and direct sidewalk and crosswalk to the school building. The sidewalk currently ends at the parking lot with no safe route provided to walk through/across the parking lot. The second sidewalk segment is on 1st Street leading directly to a crosswalk to Waterman Elementary School. Students currently walk in the road for this one block from the sidewalk on Lee Street. The third sidewalk segment is on Central Avenue at Keister Elementary School where there is a gap in the sidewalk along Central Avenue. While this sidewalk does not lead students to the school building, it will ensure that students and other people walking along Central Avenue have safe and continuous pedestrian infrastructure. In total, approximately 850 linear feet of 5' wide sidewalk will be constructed.		
Purpose And Need:	The purpose of this project is to construct three sidewalk segments and improve pedestrian access at two different elementary schools. The need of this project is to fill gaps between existing sidewalks to create a continuous and safe route for students and other pedestrians.		
District:	City/County:	Residency:	
Staunton	Harrisonburg	Harrisonburg	

The subject project meets the criteria for a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion in accordance with:

23 CFR 771.117

Description of PCE Category:

Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities.

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

1. The proposed action will not result in significant environmental impacts.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *There are no significant environmental impacts as determined through project reviews and as described in the "Impacts" section of this document.*

2. The proposed action will not result in substantial controversy on environmental grounds.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *There is no controversy on environmental grounds.*

3. The proposed action will not result in significant impact on properties protected by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *There are no significant impacts to these protected resources as determined through project reviews and coordination as described in the "Impacts" section of this document.*

4. The project sponsor confirms that proposed action will not result in any inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local law, requirement or administrative determination relating to the environmental aspects of the action.

IMPACTS:

5. The proposed action will not involve acquisition of more than minor amounts of temporary or permanent right of way.

Finding: *Review of project plans.*

Notes: *As per the project plans, dated June 6, 2025, only minor amounts of right-of-way would be acquired for this project.*

6. The proposed action will not involve residential or non-residential displacements.

Finding: *Review of project plans.*

Notes: *As per the scope of work and project plans dated June 6, 2025, there would be no displacements associated with this project.*

7. The proposed action will not result in capacity expansion of a roadway by addition of through lanes.

Finding: *Review of project plans indicates there is no capacity expansion*

Notes: *As per the scope of work and project plans dated June 6, 2025, the project would not include roadway expansion.*

8. The proposed action does not involve the construction of temporary access, or the closure of an existing road, bridge, or ramps that would result in major traffic disruptions based on the context and intensity of the impact.

Finding: *There will be no major traffic disruptions based on the project scope.*

Notes: *Based upon the scope of work and project plans, there would be no major disruptions to traffic.*

9. The proposed action does not result in a determination of adverse effect on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. §306108).

Finding: *Coordination with DHR resulted in a No Effect Determination.*

Date of

Finding: *10/06/2025*

Notes: *On October 6, 2025, VDHR determined that there are no historic properties present and that the project would have No Effect on historic properties.*

10. The proposed action does not require the use of properties protected by Section 4(f) (49 U.S.C. § 303/23 U.S.C. § 138) that cannot be documented with an FHWA de minimis determination, or a programmatic Section 4(f) evaluation signed by FHWA.

Finding: *There will be no use of Section 4(f) properties.*

Date of

Finding: *10/16/2025*

Notes: *No Section 4(f) properties would be used by this project.*

11. The proposed action does not require the acquisition of lands under the protection of Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965 (54 U.S.C. § 200305) or other unique areas or special lands that were acquired in fee or easement with federal public-use-money and have deed restrictions or covenants on the property.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *No Section 6(f) or other unique areas or special lands would be impacted by this project.*

12. The proposed action does not require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 (33 U.S.C. § 1344) permit other than a Nationwide or a General Permit.

Finding: *The project will not require a water quality permit based on the documentation provided.*

Date of

Finding: *08/27/2025*

Notes: *No jurisdictional areas were identified during project review.*

13. The proposed action does not require a U.S. Coast Guard bridge permit (33 U.S.C. § 401).

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *Given the scope and location of this project, it would not require a U.S. Coast Guard bridge permit.*

14. The proposed action does not require work that will cause an increase of the flood level by more than one foot within a regulatory floodway of water courses or water bodies or work affecting the base floodplain (100-year flood) elevations of a water course or lake, pursuant to 23 CFR §650 subpart A.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *Given the scope and location of this project, it would have no potential to increase the flood level.*

15. The proposed action is not defined as a "Type I project" per 23 CFR §772.5 and the VDOT noise manual for purposes of a noise analysis.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *Per 23 CFR §772.5 and VDOT IIM-ED-201.1, this project does not require a noise study.*

16. The proposed action is not likely to adversely affect federally listed species or designated critical habitat, with the exception of a "may affect, likely to adversely affect" (MALAA) determination for a species with a Section 7 programmatic biological opinion.

Finding: *The project will have no effect on federally listed species or designated critical habitat.*

Date of

Finding: *09/03/2025*

Notes: *As per the T&E Form and USFWS Self Certification Letter, both dated September 3, 2025, no federally listed species or designated critical habitat would be affected by the project.*

17. The proposed action does not involve any known or potential hazardous materials issues that represent a substantial liability or require substantial regulatory negotiation to resolve.

Finding: *(VDOT ONLY) Hazardous Materials Summary Report.*

Notes: *As per Hazardous Materials Form, dated May 15, 2025, no hazardous materials issues are anticipated for this project.*

18. The proposed action is fiscally constrained and meets the provisions of the "Planning Documents and NEPA Approvals" document in accordance with 23 CFR §450.

Finding: *This project is included in a STIP Grouping.*

Notes: *The project is grouped as Construction: Transportation Alternatives/Byway/Non-Traditional.*

19. The project sponsor confirms the project does not involve consideration of multiple NEPA alternatives and is not listed in 23 CFR §771.115(a).

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10/17/2025

Environmental Manager, CE Determination

Date