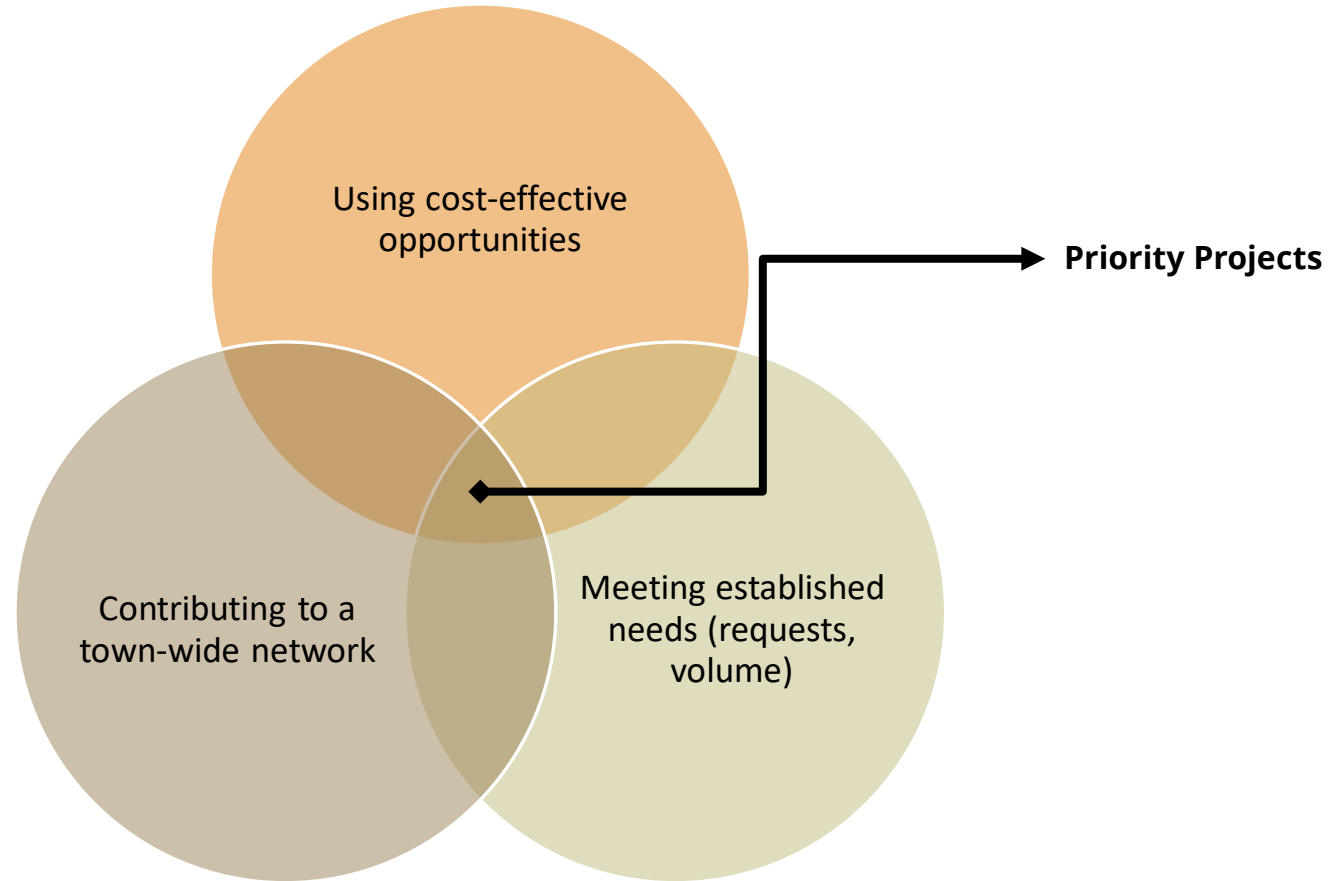




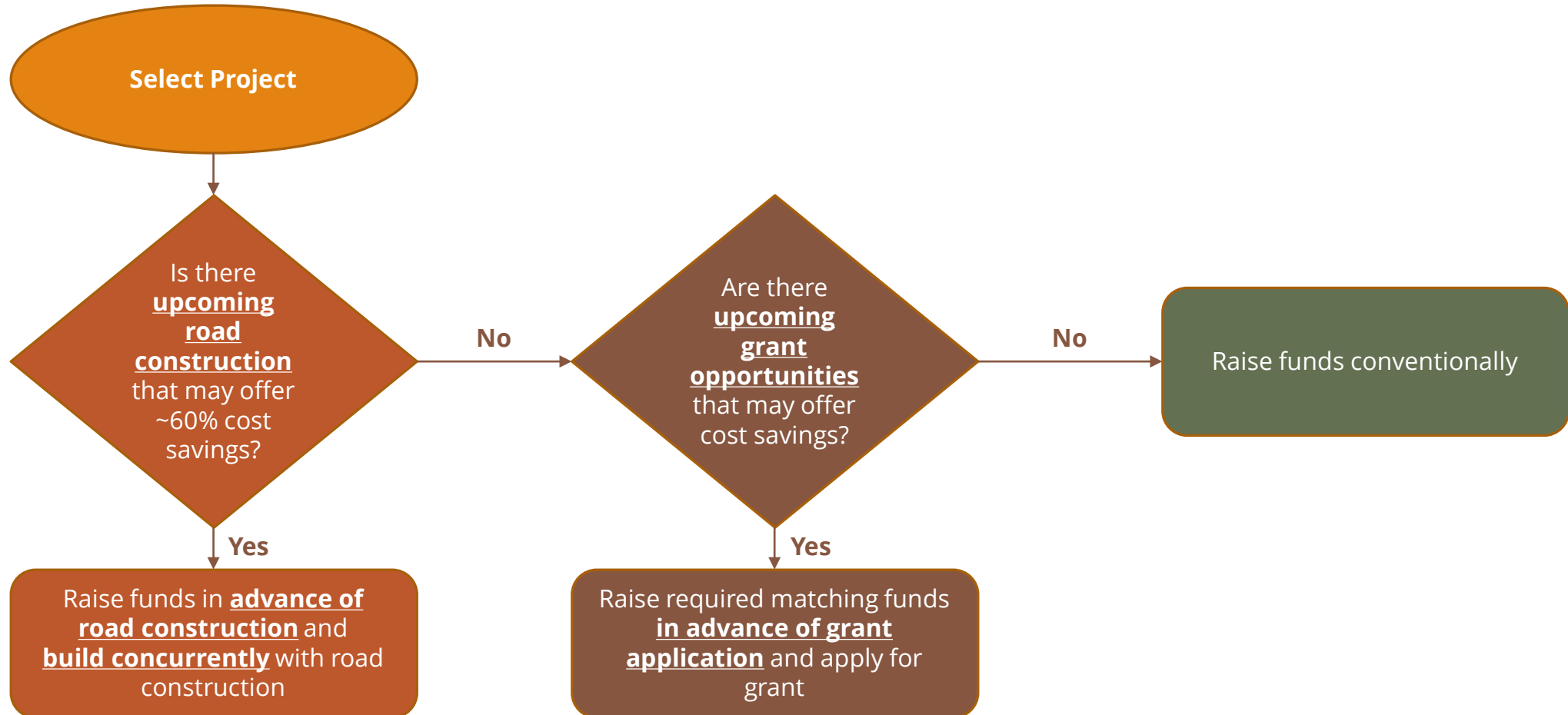
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Amherst Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Selecting projects



Cost-effective infrastructure budgeting



Proposed Warrant Article

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Proposed Warrant Article: Objectives

1

- Establish a capital reserve fund as an infrastructure funding mechanism
- Would allow the town, and board of selectmen as agents of the fund, to:
 - Fund specific projects (by warrant article or other means)
 - Seize cost effective opportunities for said projects

AND

2

- Raise \$75,000 to capital reserve fund to pursue the **Boston Post Road school campus sidepath** project
 - Raises 1/3 estimated project cost
 - Creates possibility to fund entire project in 2021 with 80% federal grant
 - Does not preclude us from grant project eligibility

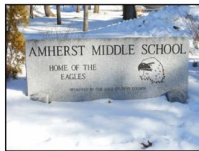
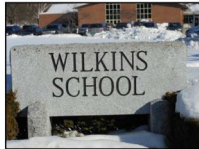
Boston Post Road school campus sidepath

A PRIORITY PROJECT

An area with a known problem

Clark-Wilkins Elementary & Amherst Middle Schools Safe Routes to School Travel Plan

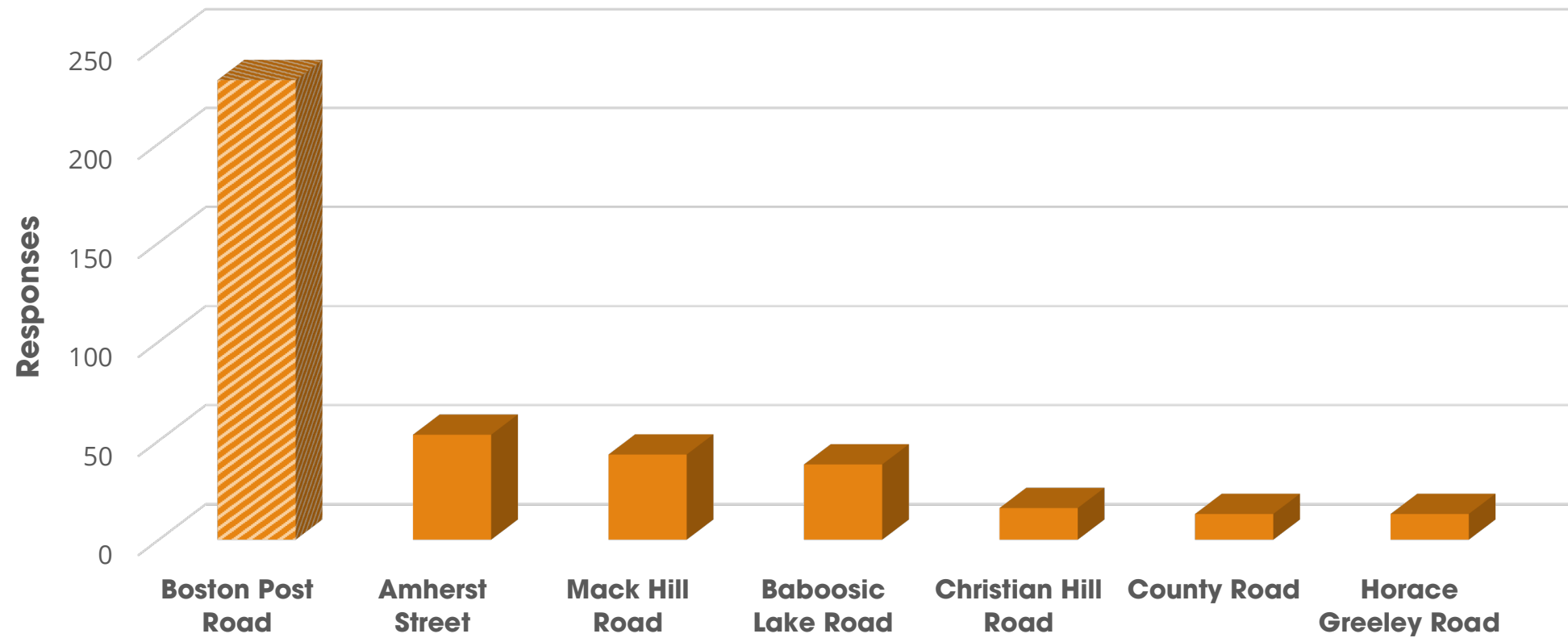
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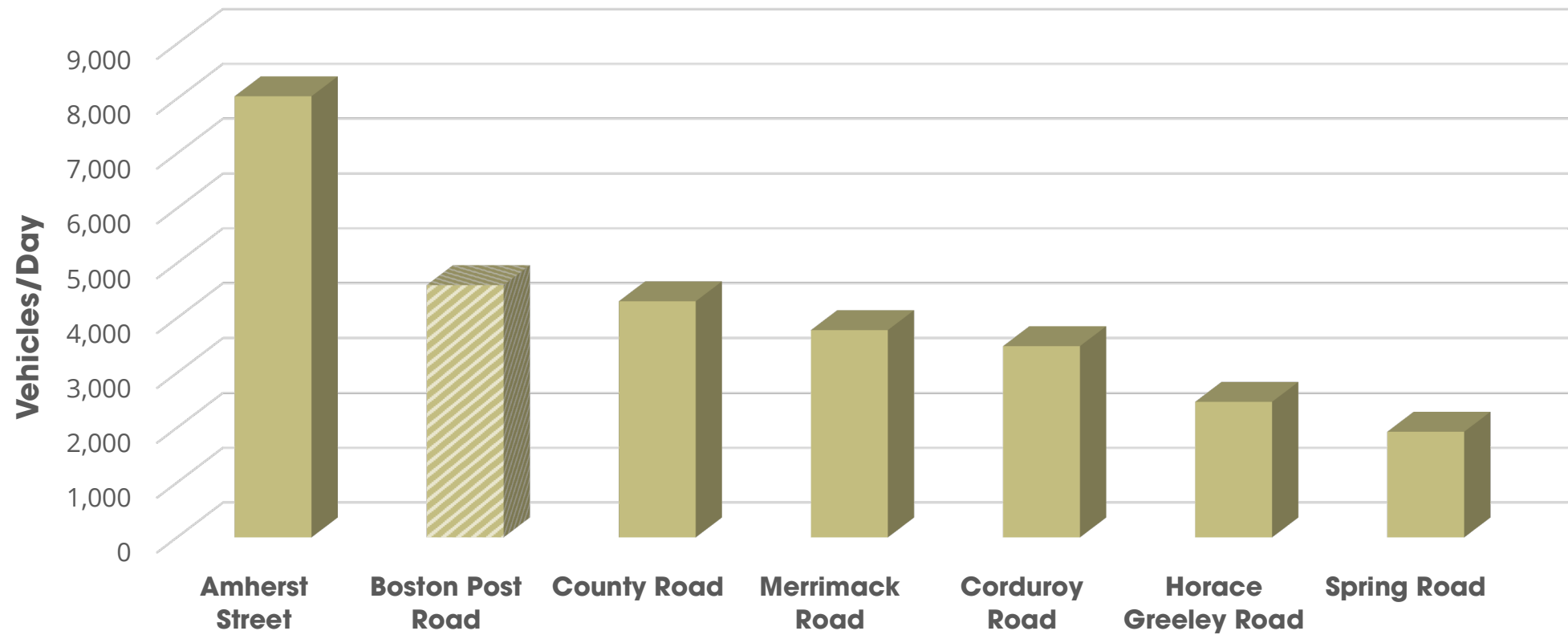
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Amherst Safe Routes to School Committee
Nashua Regional Planning Commission



2018 survey results “safety concerns” along municipal roads



Municipal Roads by Volume



Project Cost & Savings Opportunities

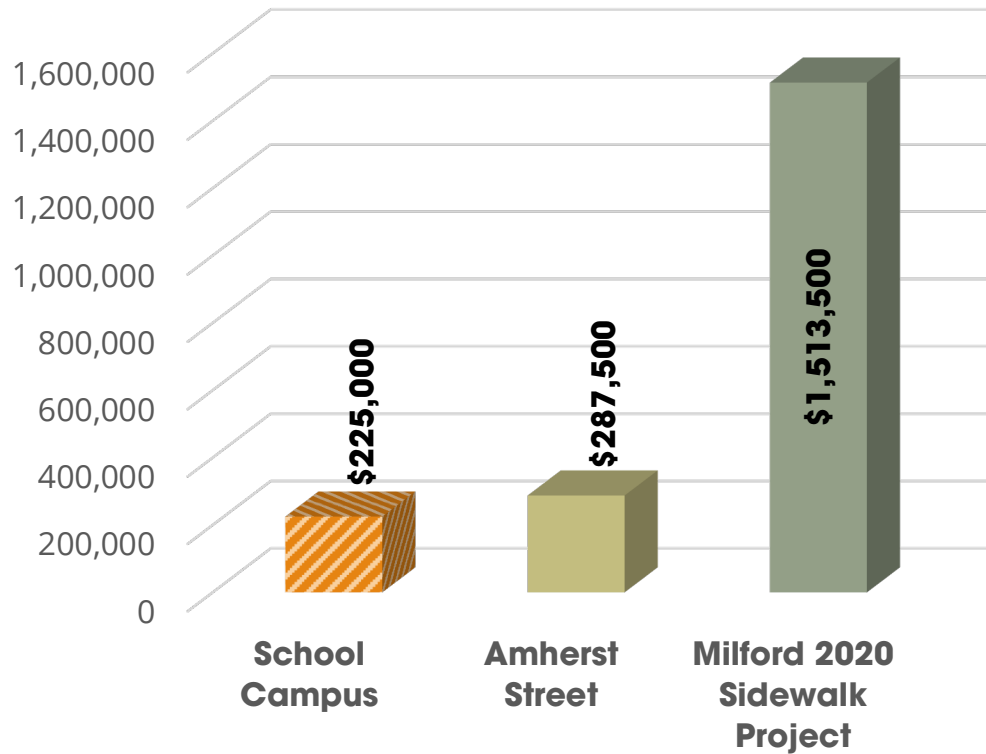
BOSTON POST ROAD SCHOOL CAMPUS SIDEPATH PROJECT

Estimated Project Cost

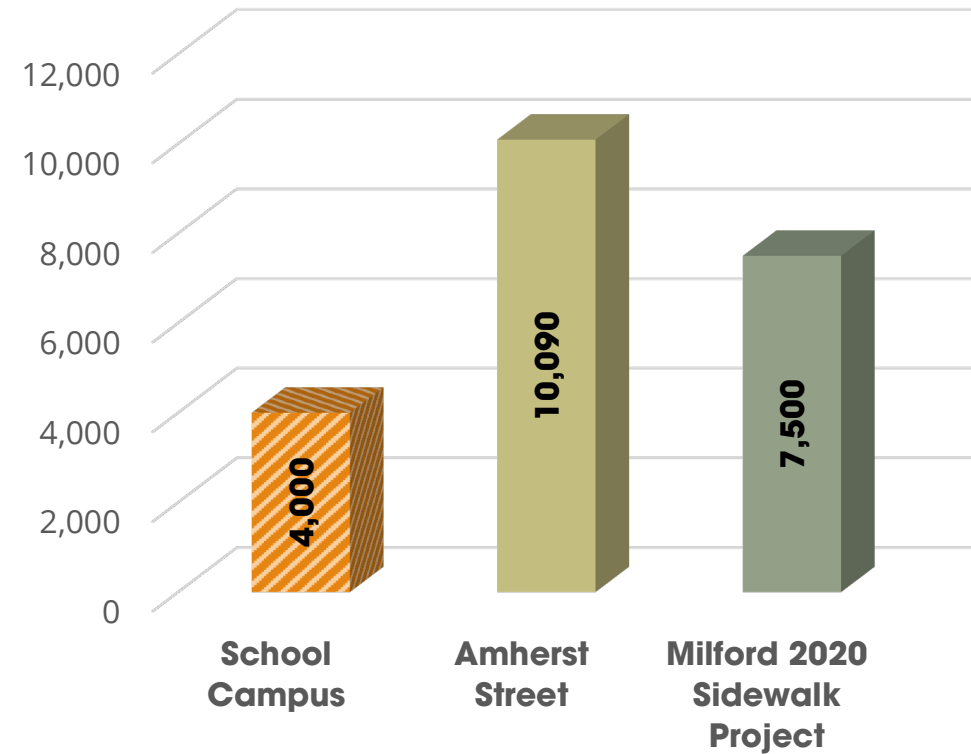
- Estimated \$225,000
- Approximately 4,000 feet of sidepath at \$56.25/linear foot
 - Surveying
 - Engineering
 - Water Crossing
 - Possible right-of-way constraints
 - Likely need for some grade separation
 - Crossing enhancements

Project Comparison

Total Project Cost



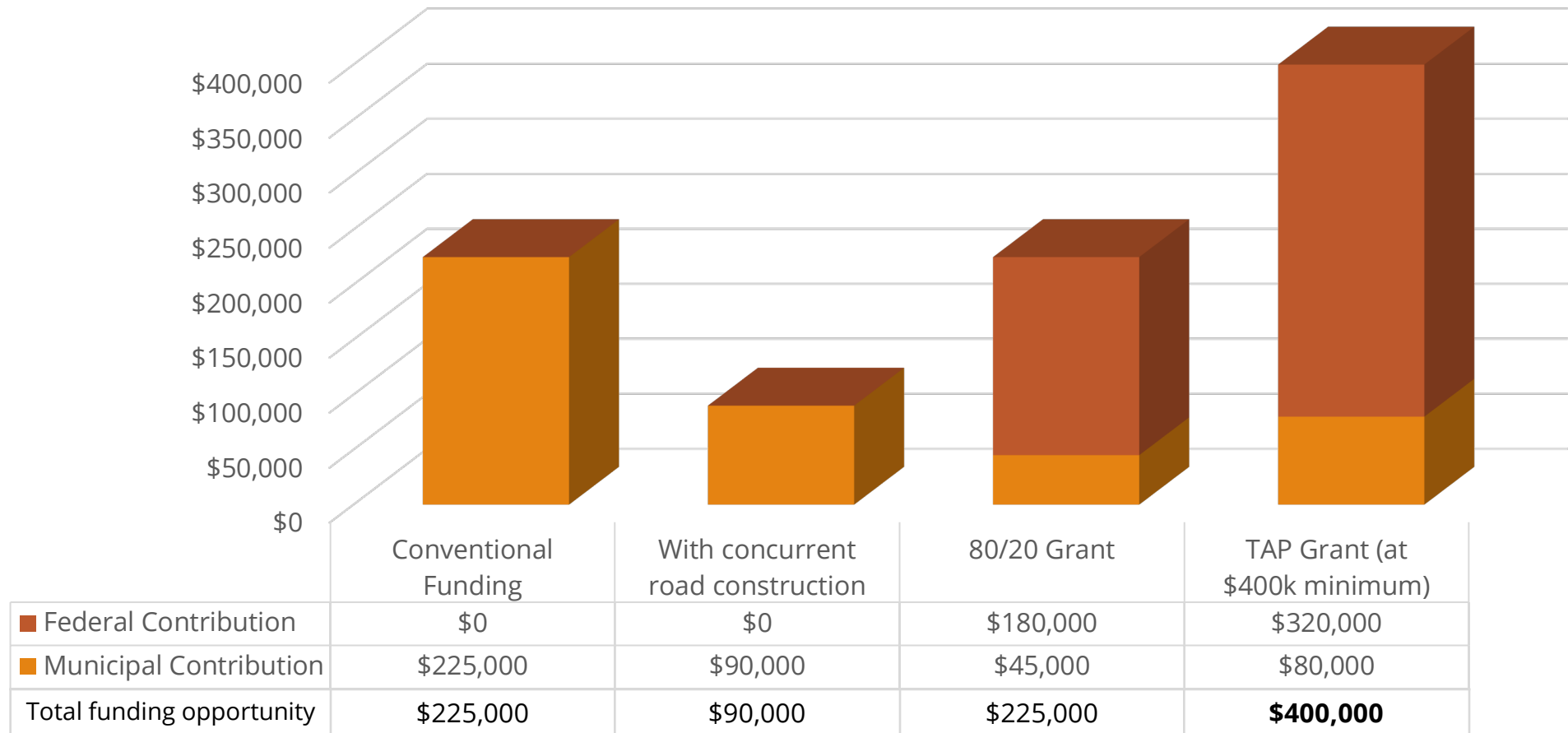
Length (feet)



Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant

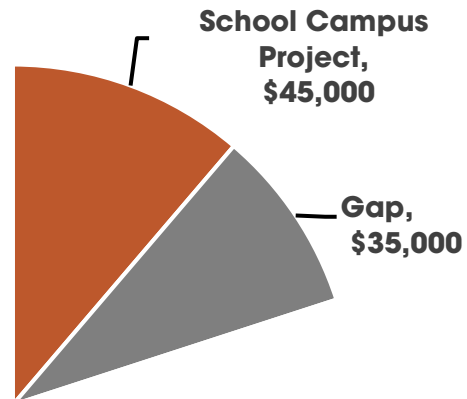
- Occurs at most, every 2 years – last occurrence was in 2018
- Replaced *Safe Routes to School, Recreational Trails, Transportation Enhancement, and Scenic and Cultural Byways* grants
- Likely to occur in 2021
- 80% federal funding / 20% local match
- Project minimum thresholds
 - Varies
 - In 2018: \$400,000 minimum project cost
- Town of Amherst applied for the TAP grant in 2018 but was rejected as the Town did not have the 20% already raised

Leveraging grant funding to maximize opportunity

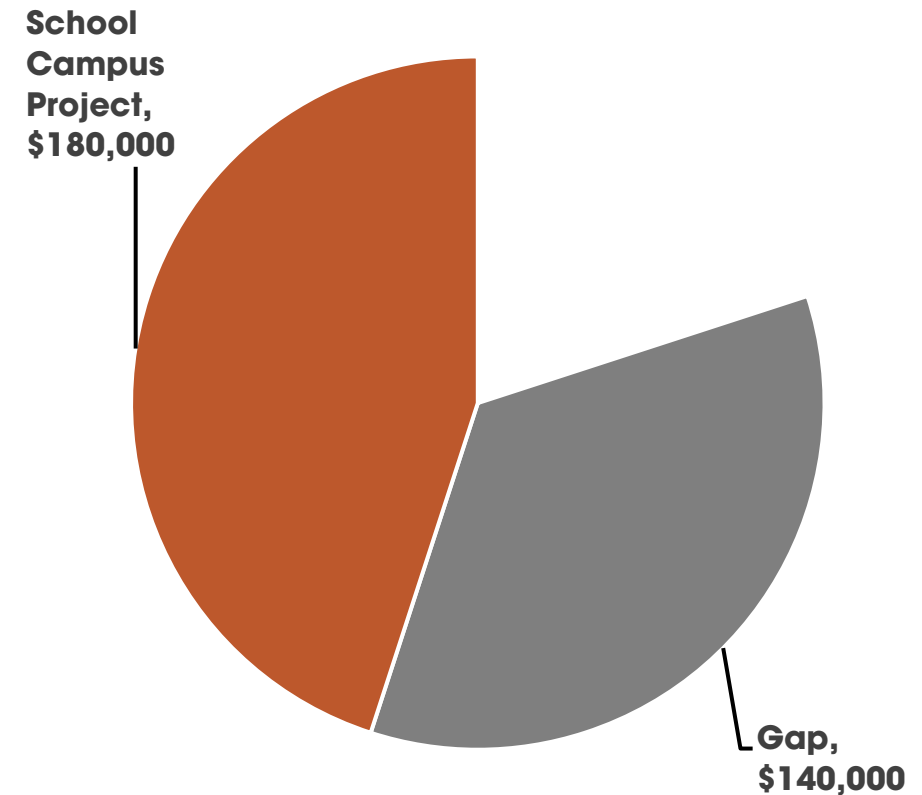


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20% Municipal Portion (\$80,000)



80% Grant Portion (\$320,000)

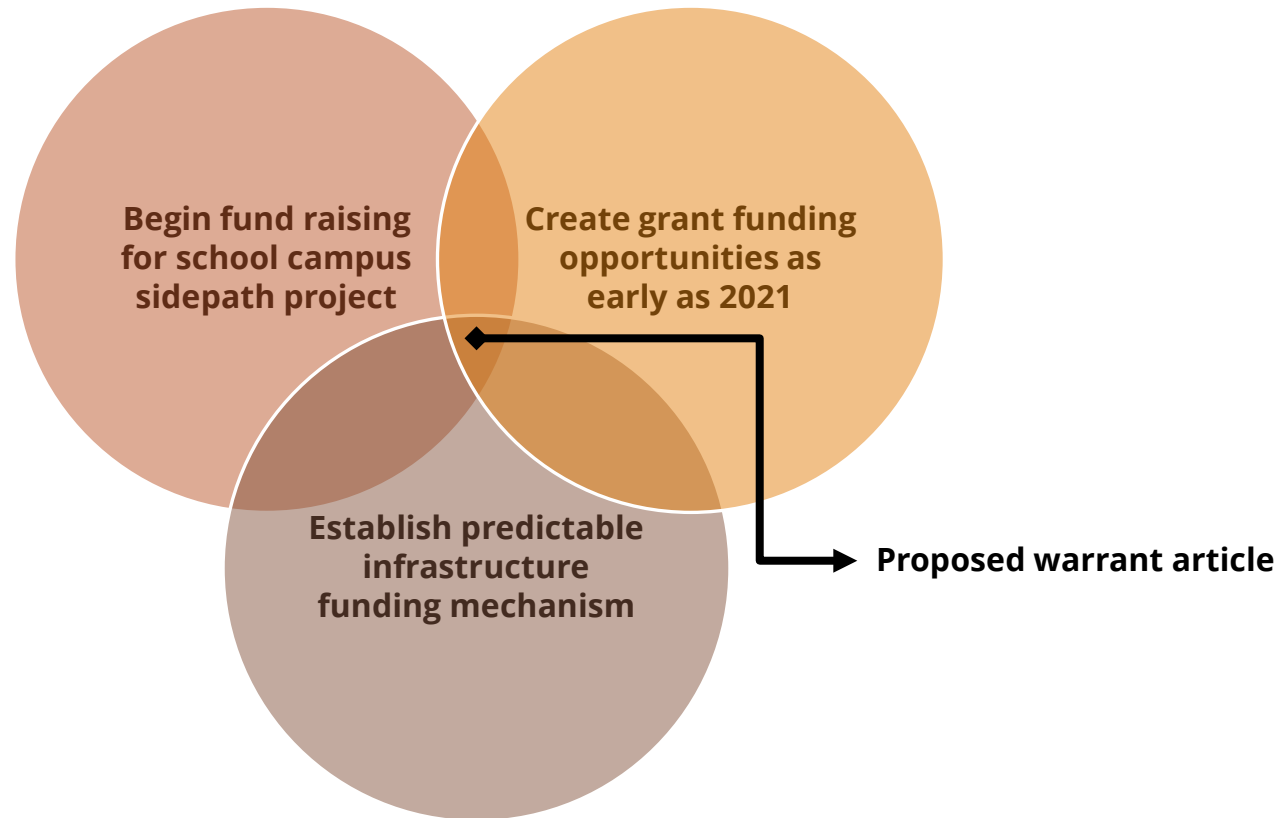


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Alternate Warrant Article

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