

# Class 1 Town Highway (TH) Program Overview

**Town of South Hero**  
Planning Commission  
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# Agenda

- ▶ **Class 1 TH Definition**
- ▶ **Benefits of Class I TH takeover**
- ▶ **Maintenance Responsibility**
- ▶ **Questions**

# Class 1 TH - Definition

- ▶ Connecting state highway link as it passes through downtown or village centers
- ▶ Subject to concurrent authority and jurisdiction between municipality and VTrans
- ▶ Marked with a state route number, but maintained by the municipality
- ▶ Typically limited to downtowns or village centers, where land use and economic activity is most intense

# Benefits of Class 1 TH

## ► Coordination of Maintenance Activities

## ► Design Control and Flexibility

- ❑ Crosswalk location & surface type
- ❑ Street trees & other amenities (benches, street lights & landscaping)
- ❑ Traffic calming (bulb outs, curb extensions etc.)
- ❑ On-street parking, including angled parking
- ❑ Placement of road and wayfinding signs
- ❑ Travel lane and shoulder widths
- ❑ Median islands

## ► Speed Management

## ► Access Management

## ► Utilities w/in ROW

# Maintenance Responsibility

Item	State Highway		Class 1 Town Highway	
	Town	VTrans	Town	VTrans
Traffic Signal Maintenance		✓	✓	
Street Lights-Pedestrian	✓		✓	
Street Lights-Highway Safety		✓	✓	
Maintenance and Repair of Bridges/Culverts*		✓	✓	
Sidewalks	✓		✓	
Striping* - Centerline		✓		✓
Striping*- Stop bars		✓	✓	
Striping*- Edge lines		✓	✓	
Striping* - on-street parking	✓		✓	
Striping* - Crosswalks on Side Streets	✓		✓	
Striping* - Crosswalks across State Highway		✓	✓	
Plowing - Travel Lanes		✓	✓	
Plowing - On-Street parking	✓		✓	
Plowing - Sidewalks	✓		✓	
Pavement - Major Resurfacing		✓		✓
Pavement - Patching and crack sealing		✓	✓	
Stormwater - Management and Compliance		✓	✓	
Stormwater - Maintaining and cleaning		✓	✓	
Replacing or Repairing Signs		✓	✓	



- routine refreshing of pavement markings town responsibility,
- VTrans resurfacing projects include all pavement markings, and typically use durable products that reduce future maintenance requirements

# Creation of Class 1 TH

- ▶ **Request in writing to District**
  - ▶ Proposed limits of Class 1 TH
    - ▶ Subject to additional discussion with VTrans
    - ▶ Mutual agreement between Municipality and VTrans staff on maintenance at jurisdictional boundaries
- ▶ **Requires Legislative action**

# The Big Question

- ▶ **Does Class 1 TH Aid Adequately Reimburse Municipalities?**
  - ▶ It depends
    - ▶ Complexity of infrastructure along road segment
    - ▶ FY23 Funding - \$11,948 / Mile
  - ▶ **Cost / Class 1 TH Spreadsheet Tool**
    - ▶ Work with RPC to evaluate potential scenarios
    - ▶ Can provide as a follow up









# Questions?

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