

# **Village of Ballston Spa Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Purpose and Need Statement February 25, 2021**

The purpose of the Village of Ballston Spa Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (The Plan) is to enhance the Village Central Business District, surrounding area, and the Route 50 corridor by promoting economic development, improving safety, and creating a connected and integrated multi-modal transportation network for users of all ages and abilities.

The Village of Ballston Spa is home to many low-income individuals and other vulnerable populations such as seniors, homeless veterans, and disabled adults, most of whom don't drive. The Plan will identify missing links in the pedestrian network, potentially unsafe crossings, and priority connections between key Village locations, including the Zim Smith Trail. Recommendations for improvements to the multi-modal network in the Village will provide clear direction on priority locations and design treatments for inclusion in striping, signage, modification, repaving, and reconstruction projects. Recommendations will be made with guidance from a representative public input process inclusive of vulnerable populations in the Village.

