

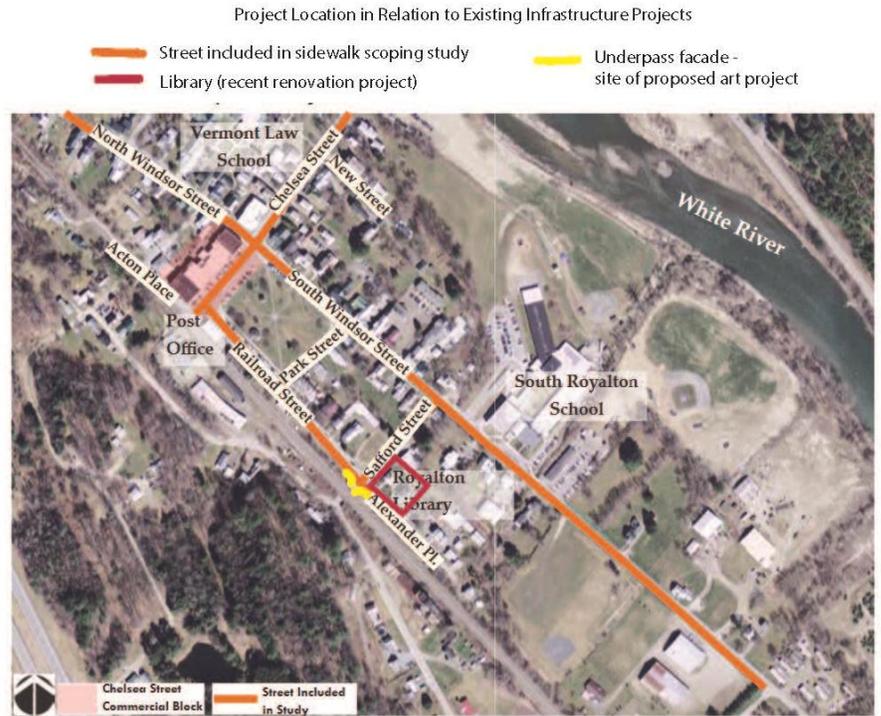
South Royalton Railroad Underpass Art Project | Site Information

About the Underpass

The Village of South Royalton is located in east-central Vermont in the Town of Royalton in Windsor County, approximately 40 miles south of Montpelier.

The Village is bisected by the Genessee and Wyoming Railroad. The only access to one side or the other, without crossing the tracks illegally on foot, is a single underpass. Retaining walls stretch 40-60 feet up the street. For years this underpass has been covered in graffiti and has shown more and more signs of serious disrepair. Although often used by pedestrians, it is not safe to walk through as there is no lighting or markings for sidewalks. The Genessee and Wyoming Railroad is supportive of the creation of an art installation with pedestrian safety features such as lighting and is coordinating with the project Steering Committee regarding timeline for installing art after an upcoming resurfacing.

The underpass faces the public library. Adjacent to the library is the town's Rescue and Fire Department and around the corner from that is the public school. This is a highly traveled route and the underpass is in a highly visible location. In the last few years, traffic under the train tracks has increased significantly with the popularity of The Worthy Burger. Another key destination which may only be reached through the tunnel is the town's network of hiking trails on Kent's Ledge.



About the Community

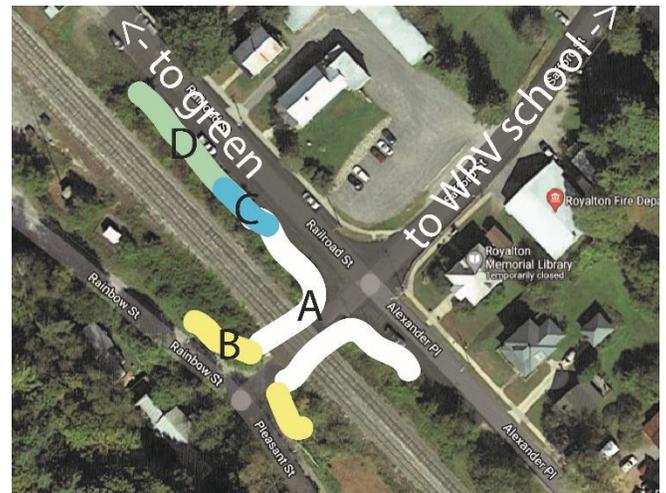
The Town of Royalton is equidistant between Randolph and White River Junction and is easily accessed from I-89. Most of the land within the Town is agriculture and forest land. The Village of South Royalton is the largest population center and is home to the public school, the town green, a well-developed commercial block, and Vermont Law School. The village is bordered by the White River on one side and a town forest on the other. South Royalton, with its retail, services, and restaurants, serves as a hub for residents of the smaller surrounding towns. Residents are a mix of multi-generational residents and transplants, including the large and diverse Law School community.

Design Specifics

The project Steering Committee will coordinate conversation between the artist(s), the Town government including road foreman, and the railroad as needed to determine engineering and installation details.

This project is divided into several zones or phases.

- **Zone A:** The design *must* include a decorative element for the front façade of the underpass, and aesthetically integrated lighting underneath the tunnel and/or other pedestrian safety features.
- **Zone B:** The design *may* include a decorative element for the Rainbow/Pleasant St façade, implementation budget allowing.
- **Zone C:** The Town is exploring creation of a “pocket park” or increased sidewalk space in Zone D. The Railroad Underpass design *may* include, in Zone C, an interactive art element or landscape element that serves as a transition between the artwork on the underpass façade and the park in Zone D. This should be designed and budgeted to be able to be implemented separately from and at a later date than the main artwork in Zone A.



Installation Funding/Tentative Budget

The proposed fabrication and installation budget for Zone A and, if included, Zone B should not exceed \$50,000. Any elements proposed for Zone C must not exceed an additional \$10,000. The Town will be raising funds for the fabrication and installation of the artwork after the design is completed. Artists selected as finalists will be asked to respond with concepts that could be realistically achieved at two potential funding levels: Option 1 in a range of \$10,000-\$30,000 and Option 2 in a range of 31,000 - \$50,000.