

VERMONT PUBLIC TRANSIT POLICY PLAN: PROJECT BRIEFING

WHY PTPP?

The Vermont **Public Transit Policy Plan** will quantify Vermont’s transit needs, as well as recommend programmatic and policy initiatives to strengthen the statewide transit system. This plan will lay out a 10-year vision for improved transit service in Vermont and develop policies and strategies to guide the improvement of Vermont’s transit network.

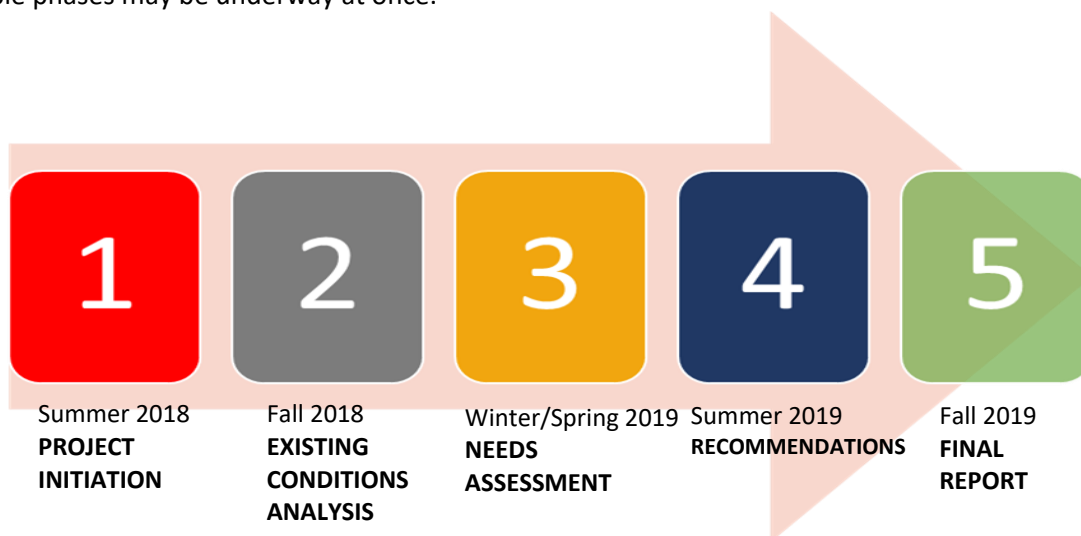
The development of a PTPP every five years is required by Statute (Title 24, VSA, §5089). The first PTPP was published in 2000 and the most recent version was published in 2012. This Plan will be an update to the 2012 PTPP and will serve as a guide for the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and its partners in making decisions on implementing and funding transit projects that facilitate mobility, minimize duplication of services, leverage limited funds, maximize ridership, and improve coordination of services. In addition, the PTPP will meet the objectives of the 2014 Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan, including developing an annual workplan for the Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Transportation Program.

WHAT’S IN THE PLAN?

The plan will: provide a summary of state and federal regulations, policy framework, and planning requirements unique to transit; provide a current profile of the system; identify current needs; establish recommendations; create a performance framework that will guide future investment decisions and Agency practices; and develop an implementation plan, inclusive of an E&D Program Workplan, that will identify both short and long term strategies and action items to fulfill proposed recommendations.

THE PLANNING PROCESS

The Public Transit Policy Plan is an 18-month process that began in June 2018 and encompasses five phases of work. Transit policy planning for a state is a complicated undertaking- and the planning process must be flexible. While each phase has a different purpose, there are times during which multiple phases may be underway at once.



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CRITICAL THEMES & CHALLENGES

- **Aging population**, including detail on demographic trends in Vermont, travel needs of older adults, and potential strategies for addressing those needs
- **Economic trends and opportunities**, including the divide between urban and rural areas in Vermont, and the critical issue of access to jobs as traditional economic models change
- **Technology and information**, including the revolution in transit information, improvement in operations management, and the rise of on-demand mobility and ride scheduling
- **Public awareness**, including the impacts of geography, age and income on Vermonters' awareness of public transit service, the perceptions of public transit, and ways to increase awareness
- **Land use development and housing location**, including rural development patterns, State land use regulation, and strategies for coordinating land use and transportation decisions

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

All relevant information can be found on the project webpage <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/PTPP>
Draft reports are up for review. The complete PTPP will be open for public comment November-December 2019.

Have additional questions? Contact Project Manager Jackie Cassino (contact info below).

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