

ACRPC

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Middlebury-Ferrisburgh Route 7 Repaving Notification

Please be advised that starting July 11, 2016, the Vermont Agency of Transportation will begin the repaving of U.S. Route 7 from approximately High Street in Middlebury proceeding north to the Ferrisburgh/Charlotte Town line. The expected completion date is July 28, 2017 with work from Middlebury to approximately Lime Kiln Road, New Haven to be completed by October 7, 2016 with the remaining work to be completed in 2017.

This project will consist of prepping the existing pavement to include grinding, crack sealing, pot hole repairs then resurfacing with 3/4" pavement and pavement markings. The Ferrisburgh rail crossing will also be reconstructed and improved along with other incidental items throughout the project.

During the construction period, motorists should expect traffic flow to be maintained at all times with one-way alternating traffic during construction hours with control present.

The posted speed limit will be strictly enforced as the safety of the workers along with the motorists is of the utmost importance. We ask motorists to use extreme caution while traveling through the zone. Please note the fines for speeding within the construction zone will be doubled.

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding the project may contact Stephanie Barrett, Public Relations Officer at 802-862-6085. You may log on to <http://countonitinc.com/road-construction-scheduled/> for project information/updates.

Renewable Energy Siting Bill Signed Into Law at ACRPC

Gov. Peter Shumlin visited the Addison County Regional Planning Commission on Monday, June 13th to sign S. 260, a bill designed to improve regional and town energy planning and to enhance community input into the siting of energy projects.

The legislation was developed over a number of months, and was based in large part on the recommen-

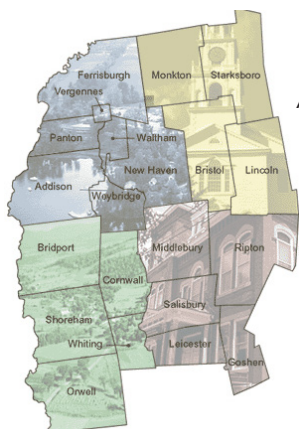
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Commission Calendar

July 2016

13	7:30pm	Full Commission Meeting
21	7:00pm	ACSWMD Meeting
		NO JULY TAC MEETING

Meetings are held at ACRPC, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, and are open to the public.



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dations of the Solar Siting Task Force. It provides regional planning commissions and towns with “substantial deference” before the Public Service Board when their plans have been determined to be consistent with state energy and climate goals. Funding and training to support planning efforts will be available through the Regional Planning Commissions working in concert with the Department of Public Service and the Vermont League

of Cities and towns. The new law requires planning across sectors to include electricity generation, electric and thermal efficiency, and transportation.

“This new law provides a roadmap for how we continue to transform our energy system in Vermont while improving opportunities for our communities to have a say in the process,” said Gov. Shumlin. “This comprehensive legislation brings to conclusion a sometimes challenging but necessary discussion about how to best plan for the locally-produced clean energy we need. I want to say thank you to Speaker Shap Smith and President Pro Tem John Campbell, all the legislators who worked on this bill, and in particular Senator Chris Bray who authored the legislation and Representative Tony Klein who shepherded it through the House.”

The Legislature passed S. 260 on June 9, 2016, after a previous version of energy siting legislation, S. 230, was vetoed by the Governor over concerns including unintended effects of new wind sound standards language.

Said Sen. Chris Bray, “This is a powerful tool for our state’s towns and regional planning commissions, and



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it's a tool that will serve us well in the decades ahead as we continue to transform our generation and use of energy in Vermont."

Fran Putnam of the Weybridge Energy Committee commented, "Some local communities have expressed concerns about the siting of renewable energy installations. This law strikes an appropriate balance between those concerns and the need to get 90 percent of Vermont's energy from renewable sources by 2050. The Weybridge Energy Committee can now work with our local Planning Commission to modify our town plan to take advantage of the provisions of this new law."

Adam Lougee, Executive Director, Addison County Regional Planning Commission noted that, "Solar siting has been and remains a controversial topic in Addison County and Vermont. This bill, S260, stands as an important piece of legislation for Addison County, its municipalities and its citizens because it recognizes the importance of planning and citizen involvement. Government works most efficiently, thoughtfully and effectively when it is crafted by citizens that have an interest in the outcome. S260 recognizes Vermont's commitment to carbon free, locally generated renewable energy. As importantly, it recognizes the need to plan for how, and where, Vermont produces that energy. It provides resources to enable regional, municipal and local voices to craft those plans. Lastly, it changes regulatory standards to ensure that the regional and local planning voices it enables will receive the deference their work deserves. The Addison County Regional Planning Commission is happy to host the Governor's signing of this bill into law."

S. 260 was the last piece of legislation that Governor Shumlin will sign into law during his administration.

Note: excerpted from, "Governor Shumlin Signs Renewable Energy Siting Bill Into Law," on the Vermont Governor website. Original article available here: <http://governor.vermont.gov/node/2798>.

Clean Water Infrastructure Asset Management Grants

As part of the Vermont Clean Water Initiative (CWI), the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Facilities Engineering Division (FED) is pleased to announce grants to help municipalities develop Asset Management plans to better finance and schedule improvement and continued maintenance of clean water infrastructure. An Asset Management Program can help meet these challenges by inventorying assets, evaluating level of service goals, assessing risk, analyzing life-cycle costs of operation, maintenance, and replacement needs, and planning financials to set priorities for the infrastructure system. Up to \$280,000 is available for these projects from the Vermont Clean Water Fund.

The RFP for Clean Water Initiative's Clean Water Infrastructure Asset Management Grants have been posted to the state's bid website. These grants will be administered by the CWSRF program.

It is expected that between 9-10 projects will be funded from the total amount available. There is no required local match.

These grants are available to municipalities only and projects will be scored by the criteria outlined in the RFP. **Deadline for the RFP is August 1, 2016.** If you have questions regarding about project type eligibility, feel free to contact Terisa Thomas at DEC at 802-249-2413 or terisa.thomas@vermont.gov.

The RFP is available here: <http://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/BidPreview.aspx?BidID=16688>.

More information about the program is available here: <http://dec.vermont.gov/facilities-engineering/water-financing/cwsrf>

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2017 Municipal Park & Ride Grant Program

VTrans is soliciting proposals for the creation of small P&R facilities in Vermont. For the 13th year in a row the legislature has provided funding to support the encouragement of local communities to develop small municipally owned and maintained P&R. The 2017 P&R grant program has been funded with \$250,000. These facilities will assist in the effort of reducing the number of single occupancy vehicles on the roadway, which in turn helps to reduce vehicle pollutants and traffic congestion.

In order to be eligible for this grant, the proposed facility must be located on Municipal, State, or leased property on or near a State Highway, available to commuters on a daily basis year round, provide parking for a minimum of ten vehicles, and will be owned and maintained by the local municipality. The grant funding is available for engineering and construction activities only. If public transit is present nearby, collaboration with the provider is strongly encouraged. Please note that grant awards are made in two payments; the first half of the grant award will be available after construction of the project has begun and invoices total at least half of the grant award, with the second half paid after the project is completed and accepted.

If your community has an interest in developing a P&R facility and would like to receive a grant to do so, please fill out the enclosed application and submit it prior to August 31, 2016. Communities that were unsuccessful in the past are encouraged to reapply. Developed plans are not necessary. A scoring process is used to determine which towns will receive funding. Additional grant and development information will be provided to interested communities who have submitted applications.

The grant application and additional information are available here: <http://vtransengineering.vermont.gov/bureaus/mab.local-projects/parkandride>

GRANT DEADLINE REMINDER

2016 VTrans Bike/Ped Program Grant Applications Due Friday, July 15th at 1:00PM

For a copy of the VTrans 2016 Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Guide and Application, visit here: <http://vtransengineering.vermont.gov/bureaus/mab/local-projects/bike-ped>.

You may also obtain a copy or ask any questions about the program or application process by contacting Jon Kaplan by phone at (802)828-0059 or email at jon.kaplan@vermont.gov.

This year, it is preferred to submit applications in electronic format as Adobe .pdf files. Hard copy applications will still be accepted.

Addison County Construction Updates

New Haven - River Road Bridge 10 Replacement

- Project Code: New Haven BRF 0183(1)
- Project Location: TH 2 Bridge 10 is located over the New Haven River on River Road in New Haven. Project is about 1 mile east of the intersection with US 7. Project completion is scheduled for October 2016.
- Bridge Closure Period: The Bridge is closed to traffic and remain closed to thru traffic until August 27, 2016. No marked detour route during closure period, River Road thru traffic should seek alternate routes.
- Progress Update - Week of July 11th: Pile driving for abutment 2 may continue into the early part of the week. Once the pile driving is complete, crews will start preparing abutment 2 for concrete. Typical work hours will be from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. Extended work hours and weekend work will occur, if necessary, to remain on schedule.
- Project Manager: Robert Suckert, 802-828-2593, bob.suckert@vermont.gov

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Route 7 Resurfacing - Middlebury to Ferrisburgh

- Project Code: NH SURF(55)
- Project Location: Beginning at northern Class 1 limit in Middlebury and extending north 18.4 miles to Ferrisburgh/Charlotte town line
- Project Period: construction period from July 2016 – January 2017; specific start date not listed yet
- Project Manager: Jonathan Harrington, 802-828-2839, jonathan.harrington@vermont.gov

Route 7 Rehabilitation/Reconstruction - Charlotte

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- Project Code: Charlotte FEGC 019-4(20)
- Project Location: beginning at Ferrisburgh/Charlotte town line and extending north 2.90 miles to the Ferry Road intersection.
- Project Period: construction scheduled from August 2016 – July 2018;
- Update - Week of July 11th: VTrans Crews will be focusing on constructing traffic detours along US 7 between the Ferrisburgh/Charlotte Town line and East Thompson's Point Road.
 - *East Side of US 7.* Crews will be working between 5866 Ethan Allen Highway and East Thompson's Point Road. Most of the work within this section will include clearing, grubbing and installing erosion control measures. Monday, July 11th, approximately 200 feet of the State Park Road entrance will be reconstructed. Work will include removing the existing subbase material and replacing with new select subbase material, grading and compacting. State Park Road traffic can expect lane closures with alternating one-way traffic throughout the day on Monday. US 7 traffic will be interrupted for brief periods throughout the day.
 - *West Side of US 7.* Later in the week, crews will working along US 7/Ethan Allen Highway from the southerly limit of the project near Yandow Sales north to 5866 Ethan Allen Highway. Work will include clearing, grubbing and installing subbase stone fill

for the traffic detour.

- All work is contingent upon favorable weather conditions. Two-way traffic will be maintained as much as possible. Brief traffic interruptions can be expected to allow construction equipment accesses the work-sites. Flaggers will be present to assist in maintaining traffic flow during the interruptions. Motorists can expect delays during daytime work hours.
- Major construction on first mile (beginning at southern end of project) to take place during fall 2016, with second and third mile to be completed by end of Fall 2017.
- Project Manager: Kenneth Upmal, 802-828-3594, ken.upmal@vermont.gov
- Project Website: http://roadworkupdates.com/?page_id=3441. Weekly updates provided every Thursday

Route 125 Paving

This paving project begins on Route 125 at mile marker .767 and extends east for approximately 6.5 miles to the intersection of Routes 125 and 100 in Hancock. Work to be performed includes cold planing, reclaiming, correcting super elevation deficiencies, paving, pavement markings, guardrail and drainage improvements.

Traffic Delays. Reclaim, shoulder and excavation operations will require lane closures and alternating one way traffic around the construction packages. Traffic control personnel will be present to assist in maintaining traffic flow. Motorists should anticipate traffic delays while traveling through the project and plan accordingly. Please allow for extra time in your travel plans.

Bicycles & Motorcycles. Of notable concern is the potential risk for bicyclists and motorcyclists along this route, and as a result of the unsuitability of road surface for travel by bicycle, it is strongly recommended that cyclists find an alternate route of travel until crews have paved the road surface within the project limits.

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Route 74 Resurfacing

Route 74 has officially been added to the Summer 2016 district paving program. It shows that it will be completed in two separate segments: (1) the Cornwall portion from Route 30 to the Shoreham town line and (2) from Route 22A west to the lake. Preliminary project preparation continue, with 9 culverts due to be replaced beginning first week of June. Preliminary work, including culvert replacement, has been completed. The project manager and construction period have not yet been announced or otherwise posted.

Orwell Bridge project

- Project Code: Orwell STP Deck (41)
- Replacement of deck and minor related work on bridge 4 in Orwell over North Fork Creek
- Construction Period: May 2017 - Sep 2017
- Project Manager: Jennifer Fitch, 802-828-3042, jennifer.fitch@vermont.gov

Statewide Construction Project Information available at the following links:

- <http://vtransparency.vermont.gov/>
- <http://vtransmaps.vermont.gov/projectinfo/map.htm>
- <http://vtranscontracts.vermont.gov/construction-contracting/>