

ACRPC

update

May 2017

2017 VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Grant Opportunity

The Agency of Transportation is now soliciting applications for projects this year through the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. The intent of the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program is to improve access and safety for bicyclists and/or pedestrians through the planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects.

The Bike/Ped Program provides funding for either a scoping study or a design/construction project for the

following facilities:

- Bicycle lanes (on-road facility delineated with pavement markings and signs)
- Shoulders (generally a minimum of 3-feet wide to accommodate bicyclists)
- Sidewalks
- Pedestrian crossing improvements, including median pedestrian refuge islands
- Pedestrian signals
- Improvements that address requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Shared-use paths (designed for use by both bicyclists and pedestrians)
- Pedestrian-scale lighting (not likely to rank highly as a standalone project, but eligible as a project component)

Projects may be combinations of any of the above facilities. Projects with the following emphasis will be considered favorably:

- Facilities that address a documented safety concern such as a high crash location
- Connectivity within overall bicycle and pedestrian networks
- Proximity and access to and within village centers and downtown areas
- Facilities that serve multiple uses e.g. access to businesses, residences and schools

For a copy of the VTrans 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Guide and Application and other supporting materials, visit the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian program website: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>. *Applications must be received by 1PM, Friday July 14, 2017.*

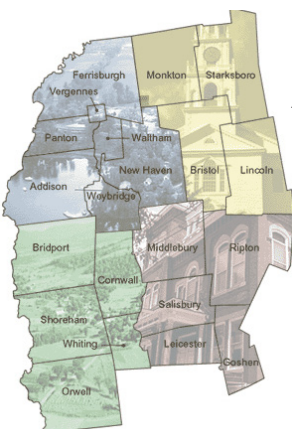
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Commission Calendar

May 2017

10	5:00pm	Full Commission Annual Meeting at Basin Harbor Club
13	7:00pm	ACSWMD Meeting
17	7:00pm	TAC Meeting
18	6:30pm	ACSWMD Meeting
24	6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting

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



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Events & Announcements

Applications will be accepted for Scoping studies (project feasibility), Large-scale design/construction projects and small-scale, state funded, projects.

Applicants to the Bike/Ped Program are strongly encouraged to attend one of two workshops to learn about the details of the program. The workshops are being offered in a webinar format. Applicants must have an internet connection to participate in the training. The dates and times are:

- Tuesday May 16, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and
- Thursday, May 18, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

You must log on to <https://vtrans.webex.com> to participate in the trainings (multiple people can view a training, but one person must sign in online. Reservations are not required.

For any questions about this year's Bicycle and Pedestrian program or other VTrans initiatives related to bicycling and walking, contact Jon Kaplan, VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, at 802-828-0059 or jon.kaplan@vermont.gov.

Municipal Energy Planning ~ Informational Meeting ~

On Tuesday, May 9th, the Addison County Regional Planning Commission will hold the second of two trainings for municipal officials on municipal energy planning and the implementation of Act 174. The meeting will focus on how municipalities can amend their municipal plans to include in-depth energy planning that emphasizes achieving the goals of the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan. The meeting will also outline how municipalities may gain "substantial deference" instead of "due consideration" in Public Service Board proceedings. The meeting will take place at ACRPC's office at 14 Seminary Street in Middlebury and will begin at 5:30 pm.

In our first meeting in December, ACRPC discussed the general parameters municipalities interested in pursuing this energy planning will need to achieve. ACRPC will repeat those general parameters in this

presentation. In addition, it will also review examples of Addison County municipal specific data and maps that can serve as the foundational basis for each municipality's energy planning.

Please share this with any one in your municipality that you believe might be interested in attending. For more information please contact Adam Lougee at alougee@acrpc.org (802) 388-3141.

Human Power Parade in Bristol

- Saturday, May 20th 10:00am - 2:00pm
- Bristol Skate Park: Parade Launch & Party

Let's find something to celebrate rather than something to protest... and what better way to celebrate than a zany bicycle parade! When we ride bikes, we connect with the weather, our neighbors, our power, and the joy of moving freedom. Schedule:

10-11am Bike Decorating, Music & Skate Park Show
Deck out your bikes, tune up the tires and get ready for our rolling celebration with local music and some rad moves at the skate park.

11-12:30 pm The Human Powered Parade!
JOIN our FIRST ANNUAL FLOAT COMPETITION! We will stop at intersections along the way for community dance parties, interactive art and all things zany!

12:30 - 2:00pm Human Powered Party!
Vendors will be selling local food, bike-powered goodies and gadgets and goodies to increase your non-petroleum mobility and fun!

Advocates will be at hand to spread the word about public transit, bicycling/ walking infrastructure, safety and fitness. All donations collected go towards Safe Routes to Schools incentives in Addison County.

To learn more or to sponsor the event, please visit here: <https://livingtreealliance.com/humanpoweredparade/>.

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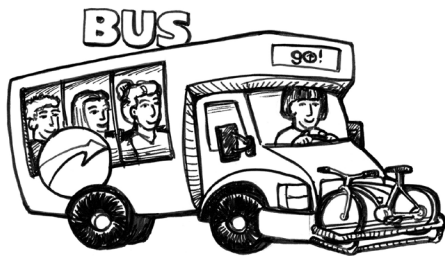
Join the Addison County Transportation Summit

Hosted by the Weybridge Energy Committee & the City of Vergennes

Thursday, May 11th, 2017

6:30 to 8:30 pm

@The Vergennes LIBRARY



Have you ever wondered how local and regional transportation decisions are made? This transportation workshop will introduce you to local leaders in the field and asks you to join the conversation!

Come discuss the following and more –

- How can we make our roads safer for everyone and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels?
- Where does funding come from for sidewalks?
- Who decides where to site a Park and Ride?
- What mobility options are available?
- How can local town energy committees get involved creating transportation efficiencies?

Are you on your selectboard? Your Planning Commission? Your Energy Committee?

Do you want to save money on gas and car ownership? Are you worried about

Climate Change? Please join us!

RSVP to Fran Putnam, 388-1644 or fcspuam@sover.net by Friday, May 6th.



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**Town of Weybridge
Energy Committee**



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for all ages

rain or shine

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V e r g e n n e s Bike Safety Day

Saturday, May 13, 10am - 1pm

St. Peters Church (in parking lot in back)

GET READY FOR SPRING!

bike safety checks

helmet fit check

safety skills course

register your bike to keep it safe

food

network with other bikers

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Little City Cycles

Safe Kids of Addison County

Vergennes Police

Walk/Bike Council of Addison County

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Knights of Columbus

Vergennes Area Rescue Squad

Safe Routes to School

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Local Motion

For more information

call Little City Cycles 877-3000

Conferences, Workshops & Other Opportunities

The Future of Vermont's Drinking Water: What Do Planners Need to Know?

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Vermont Geological Survey, Vermont Rural Water Association and EPA Region 1 will be co-hosting two workshops on June 7th and 8th, which are designed to focus on protecting current and future sources of drinking water in Vermont communities. See below for more details and if you have any questions, feel free to contact Kira Jacobs at 617-918-1817 or jacobs.kira@epa.gov.

Southern Vermont Workshop

- Wednesday, June 7th
- 9:30am - 3:00pm
- Manchester Park House, 340 Recreation Park Road, Manchester Center, VT 05255

Northern Vermont Workshop

- Thursday, June 8th
- 9:30am - 3:00pm
- Lyndon State College, Burke Mountain Room, 1001 College Rd, Lyndonville, VT 05851

VT Smart Growth Summit: Friday, June 16

AARP VT and the Vermont Natural Resources Council will bring together local officials, planners, policy makers, developers, advocates and business people for an interactive summit to raise and address a variety of community development issues. Learn about Vermont's smart growth accomplishments, gain practical tools from colleagues, and discuss ways we can harness smart growth to provide housing choices, transportation options, and a high quality of life for all Vermonters. The keynote speaker will be John Anderson from Incremental Development Alliance.

To view the Summit's agenda and register, visit here: <http://aarp.cvent.com/events/aarp-vt-and-vnrc-smart-growth-summit-burlington-vt-6-16-17/event-summary-29ec0dfb21274c2e-a5e0931933275af2.aspx>.

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Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference

The Department of Housing and Community Development is pleased to present the Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the Barrett Center for the Arts in White River Junction. The event is made possible by a partnership with Northern Stage, Preservation Trust of Vermont, and the Town of Hartford. The conference will highlight White River Junction's successful revival by bringing new housing, businesses, and jobs downtown.

This year's conference features nationally recognized keynote speaker Joe Minicozzi, who has done the math that proves investing in downtowns not only improves our quality of life and economy, but saves taxpayer dollars. In addition to the conference sessions and tours, there will be ample time to network including a reception immediately following the conference. Registration includes a full day of sessions and tours, light breakfast, lunch, and appetizers at the reception.

Take advantage of the early bird rate by registering now. Space is limited. For registration and additional conference information please visit our website. Please contact gary.holloway@vermont.gov or 828-3220 with any questions.

Register here: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/events/conference>.

2016 Downtown and Village Center Tax Credits

Vermont's Downtown and Village Center tax credit program is one of the primary benefits of Downtown and Village Center designation, and supports revitalization seen in community centers across the state.

In 2017, \$2,200,000 in state income tax credits are available to projects that enhance the historic character and improve building safety of older and historic commercial buildings in these designated communities. The credits support general rehabilitation work, code compliance work, data and network wiring, and exterior improvements, and may be combined with the federal program.

Applications for the next round of tax credits are due July 1, 2017 and the Vermont Downtown Board will make allocation decisions when it meets July 24, 2017.

The application is now available on the ACCD website here: http://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/CD/CPR/2017HTCGuidelines_Application.pdf. Applications can be submitted electronically to caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov or to:

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Please feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions regarding the application or the program itself.

Other News

May Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Town of Monkton has recently received the APA status from the mitigation planners at FEMA in Boston. APA stands for “Approved Pending Adoption” which means that a town now can adopt their plan and it will be approved by FEMA. This is the final step in having an up to date local hazard mitigation plan. The Town of Panton’s draft plan was recently approved by state officials and sent to FEMA for their APA review. Our fingers are crossed in anticipation of Panton’s rapid approval.

In other ongoing plans: Ferrisburgh’s plan is awaiting final approval by the town prior to submission to FEMA. Salisbury has received initial recommendations for changes by State reviewers and Tim is busy making those important edits. The Town of Starksboro’s plan is in its final edit stage before submittal to state reviewers and the Towns of New Haven and Shoreham have started their planning process by appointing committee members and will have their initial mitigation planning meetings in early May.

ACRPC and the Towns of New Haven and Shoreham seek public input during the drafting process of their plans and copies of early drafts will be available for review on the ACRPC website, posted at the front of the ACRPC office and also posted at the town offices. The public is encouraged to review any of these plans and submit suggestions to Tim Bouton at ACRPC tbouton@acrpc.org.

Having mitigation plans is one of the 4 elements that move disaster reimbursements from the State and FEMA from 82.5% of costs to 87.5%. The other elements required are that the town is a member in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program, has adopted VTrans recommended Road and Bridge Standards, and has an up to date Local Emergency Plan.