

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Location: HYBRID: This meeting will be conducted at the ACRPC office (14 Seminary St., Middlebury) and through the **Google Meet** remote meeting on-line platform. See the connection information below. If you intend to join the Google Meet meeting and have never used Google Meets before, we recommend you begin the log-in process well in advance of the meeting to allow time for downloads and connections to occur. Or contact Mike Winslow (mwinslow@acrpc.org - 802-578-9999) before the event to walk through a practice session.

TAC meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 · 6:30 – 8:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zzt-azwv-way>

Or dial: (US) +1 216-930-7770 PIN: 505 935 356#

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Approval of [October 18, 2023](#) TAC Meeting Minutes
- [Traffic Safety Toolbox](#) - Jim Sullivan, UVM
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - Vergennes PELS update
 - Transportation Resilience Planning Tool Training - November 30th 10-3.
 - [TAP grants](#) and [Stormwater Mitigation](#) grants (combined application) due December 8th.
 - [Better Roads Grants](#) - Due December 20, 2023
 - Other
- Other Business/Roundtable
- Adjourn

Note: adopted meeting minutes are also available online at the ACRPC website under agendas and minutes. For your convenience, the latest version of the TAC Bylaws are linked here also: <http://www.acrpc.org/transportation/>

Grant Opportunities:

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- [Better Roads](#) - Due December 20, 2023

Addison	Bridport	Bristol	Cornwall	Ferrisburgh	Goshen	Leicester
Lincoln	Middlebury	Monkton	New Haven	Orwell	Panton	Ripton
Salisbury	Shoreham	Starksboro	Vergennes	Waltham	Weybridge	Whiting



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2024 TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

January 17	February 21
March 20	April 17
May 15	June 19
July - no meeting	August 21
September 18	October 16
November 20	December - no meeting

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Planning for Resilience: Hands-on Training Session with the Transportation Resilience Planning Tool (TRPT)

Date:	November 30, 2023 — Thursday
Time:	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (lunch provided)
Location:	Addison County Regional Commission Office 14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT
Regional Host:	Addison County Regional Commission

The **Vermont Transportation Resilience Planning Tool (TRPT)** is a statewide web-based application that identifies bridges, culverts and road embankments that are vulnerable to damage from floods, estimates risk based on the vulnerability and criticality of roadway segments, and identifies potential mitigation measures based on the factors driving the vulnerability.

The tool's distinctive feature is in the innovative methodology used to categorize flood vulnerability as well as the conveyance of this information to be accessible by technical and non-technical audiences. The TRPT is designed to inform a range of applications and stages of decision-making that include:



Training Session: Participants will learn how to navigate the tool, apply the results to prioritize needs, and inform the development and evaluation of alternatives to mitigate flood vulnerability.

Trainings are intended to educate a wide variety of users, including municipal staff, project designers, professional planners, state agency staff, and other regional and non-profit organizations.

Register to attend using either of the options below:

1. State/Municipal/RPC staff with a VT LMS Account: Register online.

- Access the [SOV LMS](#) and search for "TRPT" and select the appropriate date. ([LMS FAQ & User Guide](#)).

Contact: Sara Williams, VTTC (sara.williams@vermont.gov; 802-477-3361)

2. Email the Regional Host RPC and provide:

- Contact information (Name, Affiliation, Email and/or Phone)
- Confirm the session date of interest

Contact: Mike Winslow, ACRC (mwinslow@acrpc.org; 802-578-9999)

Earn Credits!
Attendees are eligible to claim 4.0 credits towards AICP, CFM or PE requirements.

Registration Deadline: Monday, November 27th (for lunch count)

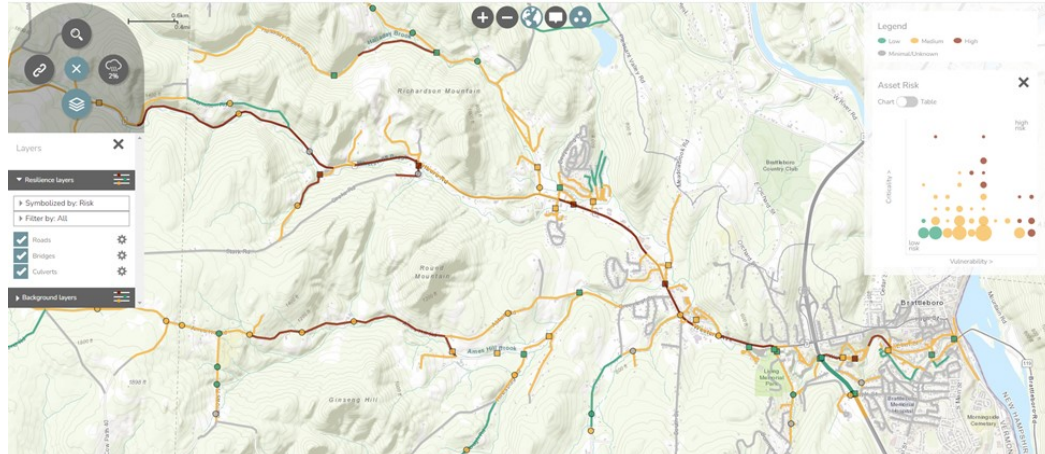
Attendees may register after this date however lunch may not be provided.

Contact For General TRPT inquiries:

Otis Ellms-Munroe, Environmental Planning Coordinator, VTrans
802-793-3504 or Otis.EllmsMunroe@vermont.gov

Transportation Resilience Planning Tool Training

TRPT Application and User Guide: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/transportation-resilience>



Training Learning Objectives

- ◆ TRPT overview – Introduction to flood vulnerability, transportation criticality, risk and mitigation concepts; instructions on how to access and navigate the online web application.
- ◆ How to interpret and apply the detailed data and factors behind the TRPT's results to inform project planning, scoping and design with the goal of reducing the vulnerability of road embankments, culverts and bridges to flood damage.
 - ◇ River and Road variables – Descriptions and interpretation of the key variables used to calculate vulnerability and criticality.
 - ◇ Limitations and applications.
 - ◇ Consideration of context (local versus watershed scale).

INSTRUCTORS

Roy Schiff, PE, PhD:
SLR Consulting, Water Resources Engineer and Scientist.

Evan Fitzgerald, CPESC:
Fitzgerald Environmental Associates, LLC.

Agenda

Part 1. Introduction	Transportation Resilience
Part 2. Case Studies	Instructor-led applications –projects in planning and implementation stages
Part 3. Planning scenarios	Exploring tool criteria (highest risk site in basin or number of vulnerable sites)
Part 4. Student exploration	Hands-on time for participant case studies
Part 5. Wrap-up	Final questions/comments and evaluation

General TRPT Contact:

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2023 TRPT Training Calendar

VTrans will be offering multiple sessions in coordination with [Vermont's RPCs](#).

For information on future dates contact Sara Williams, VTTC (sara.williams@vermont.gov; 802-477-3361).

Thurs., May 4th
NVDA — St. Johnsbury, VT

Thurs., May 25th
MARC — Ascutney area

Tues., June 13th
TRORC — Bethel, VT

Thurs., June 22nd
NRPC — St. Albans area

Tues., July 18th
CCRPC — Winooski, VT

Thurs., August 24th
WRC — Brattleboro area

Tues., September 19th
BCRC — Bennington area

Tues., October 17th
RRPC — Rutland, VT

Thurs., November 30th
ACRPC — Middlebury, VT

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SFY2025 Vermont Better Roads Grant Program

October 19, 2023

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is pleased to announce the 27th year of funding to support projects on municipal roads that improve water quality and result in maintenance cost savings. The grant funds are provided by the VT Agency of Transportation with partnership through the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The Vermont Better Roads Program promotes the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing water quality around the State.

Please note that the application scoring of the Better Roads Program is intended to be in line with the State's Clean Water Act (Act 64), as well as the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP). In an effort to prioritize funding for projects that are providing significant water quality improvements, applicants must indicate whether or not the projects that they intend to construct will be in full compliance with the MRGP. Please see application and scoring sheet for more information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Better Roads staff.

Applications for funding will be accepted until December 20th, 2023.

For the most up-to-date information or to download a copy of the application please visit our website at: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads>

For Project and Program Technical Information please contact:

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