

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Location: HYBRID: This meeting will be conducted at the ACRPC office (14 Seminary St., Middlebury) and through the **Microsoft Teams** remote meeting on-line platform. See the connection information below. If you intend to join the Teams meeting and have never used Teams 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.

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AGENDA

- Call to Order: 6:30PM
- Amendments to the Agenda
- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of [Minutes from September](#) meeting
- Vermont Bond Bank and Capital Planning – Ken Linge, Senior Loan Officer
- Review Transportation Goals from Regional Plan
- Transportation Updates from Mike
 - [Better Roads Grants](#) – Due October 30
 - [Transportation Alternatives](#) and [Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation](#) – Due December 4.
 - Next meeting in New Haven
 - 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/>

2026 TAC MEETING SCHEDULE

November 18 (in New Haven)	December - no meeting
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Goals, Objectives, and Actions

GOAL 1: Promotes the Economy

The Region's transportation system facilitates the efficient movement of people, goods, and services to support local and regional economic vitality.

Objective 1:

Support the Middlebury Airport's economic role through infrastructure investment and thoughtful implementation of improvements recommended in the 2021 VT Airport System Plan.

- a. Work with VTrans and ACEDC to recruit new business to the Middlebury Airport and support infrastructure improvements including hangars and parking.

Objective 2:

Maintain the Region's access to safe and efficient water transportation for commerce and recreation and promote the recreational travel aspects of the Region's rivers and Lake Champlain.

- a. Encourage continued use of the Ticonderoga Ferry and other ferry services.

Objective 3:

Improve rail infrastructure and encourage passenger and freight rail service, where practical, by working with VTrans to prioritize investments.

- a. Implement signal system and track improvements called for in the 2021 VT State Rail Plan.

GOAL 2: Safely Supports All Modes of Travel

Transportation infrastructure safely accommodates vehicles, freight, public transit, bicycles, and pedestrians while mitigating heavy truck impacts on communities.

Objective 1:

Encourage and support the planning and implementation of safety, resilience, and efficiency improvements to the Region's roadways.

- a. Implement locally identified roadway corridor improvements as identified in Appendix X.
- b. Study High Crash Locations along Route 22A and identify recommended improvements.
- c. Continue to support the Vermont Western Corridor Transportation Management Plan and its recommendations for improvements.

Objective 3:

Structure, operate, and maintain the Region's roadway network to mitigate the impacts of traffic and freight on the Region's communities, especially in villages and downtowns.

- a. Encourage farms and government agencies to use best management practices to minimize road damage.

Objective 4:

Support sound, equitable, and well-planned alternative routes for freight transport that will reduce negative impacts on villages and downtowns.

- a. Explore and create truck routes that address concerns of Vergennes and neighboring communities as identified in the Vergennes PELs Study.

Objective 5:

Support the Addison County Regional Emergency Management Committee and regular updates to the Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan and Local Emergency Operations Plans.

- a. Encourage towns to develop hazard mitigation plans addressing hazards from transported materials.

Objective 6:

Support TVT and town and human service agencies in providing public transportation services for a greater percentage of the Region.

GOAL 3: Promotes Energy Efficiency and Conservation

The Region reduces greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption by increasing walking, biking, public transit use, and electric vehicle adoption.

Objective 1:

Support alternative transportation infrastructure including public transit, ride-sharing, car-sharing, park and rides, and bicycle/pedestrian connections to reduce single-occupancy vehicle dependency and vehicle miles traveled.

- a. Work with TVT and others to make emerging ride-sharing technologies available in the Region.
- b. Provide technical assistance to the Walk-Bike Council to increase walking and biking region-wide.
- c. Promote expansion of the park and ride system, focusing on low-cost options in or adjacent to village centers.

Objective 2:

Develop bicycle and pedestrian connections between the Region's population centers with adequate travel space along significant routes.

- a. Implement bicycle and pedestrian actions as identified in **Appendix X**.

Objective 3:

Encourage development of a comprehensive EV charging station network, including DC Fast Charge stations, along the Region's major transportation corridors.

- a. Identify locations and develop strategies for EV

charging stations along major corridors, in village centers, and at community facilities.

- b. Encourage municipalities to adopt regulations providing for EV charging in commercial areas and 220-volt receptacles in residential developments.

GOAL 4: Enhances Regional Land Uses and Sense of Place

Transportation design enhances the Region's historic villages, downtowns, and scenic landscapes while balancing mobility needs with community livability.

Objective 1:

Support land use patterns within the Addison Region that maintain the traditional pattern of densely populated villages and downtowns surrounded by open countryside.

Please see the Land Use Section for goals related to this objective.

Objective 2:

Transportation projects should incorporate Complete Streets principles, treating bicycle and pedestrian accommodations as central to project purpose.

- a. Encourage appropriately scaled roundabouts and traffic calming features as safety improvements and community gateways.
- b. Incorporate Complete Streets principles at appropriate scale to location.
- c. Support access management efforts, focusing on keeping major arterial roads moving freely.

GOAL 5: Exhibits Resilience to Natural Hazards

Transportation infrastructure is designed, maintained, and improved to withstand flooding and severe weather events predicted under climate change scenarios.

Objective 1:

Design, maintain, or relocate transportation infrastructure to mitigate flood damage, meeting VTrans Hydraulics Manual and ANR Stream Alteration Standards at minimum.

- a. Assist municipalities with MRGP compliance, adoption of hazard mitigation plans, and flood mitigation measures to maximize ERAF funding eligibility

GOAL 6: Maintains Sustainable Investment

The Region secures and allocates adequate resources for cost-effective transportation maintenance, improvements, and adaptation to emerging needs.

Objective 1: Help municipalities implement capital budgeting and access funding for transportation infrastructure improvements.

- a. Help municipalities implement capital budgeting, access funding for infrastructure and water quality improvements, and evaluate road reclassification opportunities
- b. Diversify transportation funding sources and address limited availability of infrastructure and maintenance materials
- c. Advocate for increased non-municipal dollars to support the regional transportation network
- d. Ensure VTrans investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in Addison County include locally identified priority areas.

