



Transportation Committee

AGENDA

Monday, December 9th @ 4:00 p.m.

REMOTE MEETING

via ZOOM (login and call-in information below)

Join Meeting:

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All Commissioners and the public are urged to participate via remote means (via Zoom or phone) in the interest of protecting the health of one another and WRC staff.

4:00 p.m. Call to Order (note – this meeting will be staffed by Colin Bratton)

- Introductions
- Changes to Agenda

4:05 p.m. Approval of October 21st, 2024 Minutes:

<http://www.windhamregional.org/committees/transportation>

4:10 p.m. Windham Regional Plan Transportation Policies

The Committee will discuss potential updates to the policies outlined in the Transportation Section of the draft Windham Regional Plan. These include policies related to Class 4 Roads and Legal Trails, as well the potential addition of language related to private helicopter pads and/or plane landing strips. This conversation is a follow up to recommendations made by the Windham Regional Project Review Committee.

4:20 p.m. Covered Bridge Damage

Repetitive damage to covered bridges has been a significant problem for towns in the Windham Region and around Vermont. The Committee will discuss local experiences with covered bridge maintenance as well as strategies and best practices for reducing repeated damage to these historically and culturally significant structures.

4:30 p.m. Vermont Rail Plan Update

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is in the process of updating the statewide passenger rail plan. This document identifies and prioritizes various passenger rail initiatives across the state. There are several potential passenger rail projects identified in previous versions of the plan

relevant to the Windham Region, including but not limited to expanded service on the Vermonter Line, the extension of the Valley Flyer Service from Western Massachusetts into Southern Vermont, as well as the expansion of the Ethan Allen Line to Bennington County. The Committee will discuss existing conditions for passenger rail service both in the Windham Region and adjacent areas, regional rail priorities, as well as the potential impact of expanded service on the region.

4:50 p.m. VTrans Roadway and Multimodal Guidance Update

VTrans has begun work on an update to standards for roadway design on state highways, the first update to Vermont roadway design standards since 1997. This has the potential to significantly impact standard roadway design specifications on state highways, particularly in downtowns and village centers. This includes but is not limited to: changes to standard signage, striping, road treatments, traffic calming measures as well as bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The Committee will discuss local concerns related to state highways in Windham Region towns as well as potential recommended changes for VTrans to consider during this process.

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

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