



Transportation Committee

AGENDA

Monday, May 12th @ 4:00 p.m.

REMOTE MEETING

via ZOOM (login and call-in information below)

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81402758166>

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 March 17th, 2025 Minutes:

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

4:10 p.m. Vermont Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The Vermont Agency of Transportation has announced the 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. A public hearing was held on Tuesday May 6th. The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or STIP, is the list of all transportation projects in Vermont receiving Federal Funds. There are 30 projects in the Windham Region included on this year's STIP that will now be sent for inclusion in the final statewide transportation budget and ultimately approval by FHWA. Towns have been asked to send any comments or questions related to the FY26-FY28 STIP to VTrans by Tuesday, May 20th. The Committee will discuss existing transportation projects in our region, as well any concerns Commissioners and their towns have related to identified projects.

4:30 p.m. Vermont Statewide Project Selection and Prioritization

The Committee will discuss the Vermont Project Selection and Prioritization (VPSP2) process. VTrans has announced that the Project Selection process will not open this year for new projects and that towns will not have the opportunity to submit local priority projects to their Regional Planning Commission for consideration. The VPSP2 process has not been opened since 2022. We will discuss the implications of this for the Windham Regional Transportation Advisory Committee as well as for towns in the region. VPSP2 historically provided towns with an important opportunity to submit local transportation projects to VTrans, in particular relevant to state highways that serve as primary thoroughfares for our towns and village. Without the opportunity to submit projects through the VPSP2 process there is no clear mechanism for towns to raise concerns related to state highways

and initiate a project development process to address these issues that impact safety, livability and vibrancy in towns and villages.

4:45 p.m. Vermont Infrastructure Project Funding and Delivery

The Committee will discuss recent trends in infrastructure funding and project delivery at both the state and local level. Project costs have increased substantially since 2020 relative to Vermont's annual transportation budget, project costs far outpacing the 2% increase in statewide transportation funding since 2015. This has led to year over year decreases in the number of construction projects completed both by VTrans and towns across Vermont. In particular, the number of new town highway bridges constructed across the state has fallen sharply in the past few years, VTrans averaging only 7 town highway bridges constructed annually since 2020 compared with an average of 22 town highway bridges constructed per year between 2009-2017. The decline in town highway bridge construction projects coincides with a similar decline in the number of miles of state highways paved per year, VTrans estimating it will pave 45% fewer miles of state highways in FY26 compared to FY25. This trend has broad implications for Vermont's state and local transportation infrastructure and the overall function of our transportation network.

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

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