



Transportation Committee

AGENDA

Monday, September 14th @ 4:00 p.m.

Join Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83030314437>

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 June 8th, 2026 Minutes

4:10 p.m. Vermont Local Roads Paving Management Presentation:

The Windham Region Transportation Advisory Committee will host Vermont Local Roads Program Manager Todd Eaton for a discussion on best practices for paving on town highways. The decision to pave an existing gravel road is a complex issue that many rural towns face. Selectboards and Town Highway Foreman often feel they have inadequate information to effectively evaluate the benefits and costs of paving new sections of road. This consideration involves a variety of factors, including quantifiable differences in annual maintenance costs for paved vs gravel roads and long-term costs for future repaving projects on an expanded paved road network, in addition to a number of intangible considerations such as the impact of paved roads on the rural character of Vermont towns and a variety of environmental concerns. This conversation intends to give town officials and employees a broad overview of paved vs unpaved roads and help towns to make more informed decisions about when to pave and when to keep a road gravel.

Todd Eaton is the Program Manager for Vermont Local Roads, the Local Technical Assistance (LTAP) arm of the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Vermont Local Roads helps municipalities manage and maintain safe road networks and provides training and technical assistance to town highway staff and officials around Vermont, as well as distributes information on state and national resources and research on roadway management. More information on VLR is available on their website: <https://localroads.vermont.gov/>

4:45 p.m. Fall 2026 Transportation Grant Opportunities

Windham Regional staff will give a brief overview on upcoming grant funding opportunities for local transportation projects. October to December is the busiest time of year for transportation grants in Vermont, with several VTrans programs either open or expected to be announced over the next

month. These include the VTrans Transportation Alternatives, Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation, Better Roads and Better Connections programs. Together, these programs can fund a wide variety of local transportation projects, from sidewalk and bicycle lane construction to ditching and culvert replacements, among others. These are some of the best transportation funding opportunities available to Vermont towns and a number of Windham Region communities have been awarded funding from these programs in the past few years. If your town has a potential project idea and needs assistance developing an application or identifying the best available funding source for your project, please reach out to Transportation Planner, Colin Bratton at cbratton@windhamregional.org

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

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