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Addison County

Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) Mary-Claire Crogan, mary@trivalleytransit.org Formalized management agreement with Stagecoach Transportation. As of July 1, 2017, the new agency became “Tri-Valley Transit, dba ACTR and Stagecoach” with local branding retained.

- Shuttle Buses: This year both ACTR and Stagecoach redesigned services, and ACTR’s Middlebury transfer hub was moved to accommodate a long-term rail bridge construction project.
- Dial-A-Ride: The fast-growing rate of opioid addicts seeking Medication Assisted Treatment at hubs has outstripped our funding and is putting a strain on Volunteer Driver resources. We are working to recruit more volunteers and diversify funding.

Chittenden County

Local Motion Ross Saxton, ross@localmotion.org; Mary-Catherine Graziano, marycatherine@localmotion.org; or Karen Yacos, karen@localmotion.org

- Expanded e-bike lending library to 8 bikes in Burlington. In conjunction with Burlington Electric Dept., Burlington residents are offered \$200 rebates on e-bikes, as well.
- Everyday Bicycling workshops across the state are in full-swing. Looking for more workshop leaders to train (paid per workshop!) and organizations to partner with to ensure workshops can happen in every corner of the state.
- Burlington E-bike Festival is happening May 3 and May 5
- Local Motion staffing updates: new Executive Director is Karen Yacos and new Community Technical Assistance Manager is Allegra Williams
- Annual Safe Routes to School Meeting is May 17 in Barre. Sign up at <https://docs.google.com/a/localmotion.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCTB0OsAt9d0vwmQRtyB9-dV5htc4xNN-GKBWeyeOBommt9Q/viewform>

CATMA Brendan Atwood, brendan@catmavt.org

- Greenride Bikeshare, the State's first public bikeshare system, was launched earlier this month. There are 100+ bikes located along 15+ hubs in Burlington, South Burlington and Winooski. E-bikes are slated to arrive this summer.

Upcoming Partner Events

May 3

Burlington E-bike Festival:
E-bike Revolution Launch
Party at Hotel Vermont (from
5:30pm)

May 4

*2018 Vermont Walk/Bike
Summit* in White River
Junction
vtwalkbikesummit.com

May 5

Burlington E-bike Festival: E-bike
demos on the Burlington
Waterfront (from 10am)

May 17

*Annual Safe Routes to School
Meeting* in Barre

May 18

National Bike to Work Day

May 23

Vermont Clean Cities
Coalition’s free *EV Showcase* in
Burlington

- CATMA's next ETC event will be held on May 10th at Champlain College's Lakeside campus. The theme for this event is "Biking in Chittenden County", just in time for Bike month!
- The ETC Network now includes over 55 businesses, organizations and municipalities.
- CATMA, now in our 25th year, is in the process of updating our membership package and rates to better meet the needs of our community.

CarShare Vermont Annie Bourdon, annie@carsharevt.org

- Working on a variety of initiatives to increase the adoption of shared mobility, including partnering with Burlington area developers to integrate carsharing into new developments, collaborating with local transportation partners to shape better policies in Burlington that are pro-mobility (vs. pro-private vehicle), continuing to build our membership through targeted outreach campaigns, and integrating EVs into our fleet.

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Bryan Davis, bdavis@ccrpevt.org

- Launched Vermont's first public bikeshare system, Greenride Bikeshare last week! In partnership with CATMA, UVM, and Champlain College. Project has been in the works for 18 months. 80 bikes at 17 stations in Burlington, Winooski, and South Burlington. By the end of June there will be 130 bikes, including 25 electric assist bikes, in the fleet. Vision for full build-out (funding dependent) includes 300 bikes (including 75 e-assist bikes) at 45 stations in 7 towns.

Old Spokes Home Laura Jacoby, laura@oldspokeshome.com

- Awarded service contract for Greenride Bikeshare. Bike hubs located in Burlington, South Burlington, and Winooski. In partnership with UVM, Champlain College, Chittenden County RPC, and CATMA.
- Working with Local Motion and Burlington Electric Department to promote electric assist bikes in Burlington and beyond.

Richmond Climate Action Committee Ian Stokes, istokes@gmavt.net

- Use of 2010 census data to estimate commuter miles traveled by different modes of transportation. Data can be broken out for towns, counties, or the whole state. Send requests if you're interested in this data.

Champlain College Nic Anderson, nanderson@champlain.edu

- Helps students, employees, and visitors get to, from, and around Champlain College. Focused on moving the needle from single occupancy vehicles to more sustainable modes of transportation, creating better transportation options in Chittenden County and beyond, to help our mission of reducing car dependency.

Northeast Kingdom

Rural Community Transit (RCT) Mary Grant, marygrant.rct@gmail.com or Sandy Thorpe, sandy.thorpe@gmail.com

- Two real-time apps. More localized "Swiftly" shows the general public where are buses are on each route, but also shows where some of the volunteer drivers and demand-response vehicles are. Provides an additional transportation option. If someone is looking for a ride they can see where these vehicles are, call for availability and cost and we can take debit and credit cards through the office.
- Second app is "Transit," which is nationwide. Shows RCT routes: shuttles and shoppers, but does not show demand-response or volunteers. In Transit you can see the routes in Boston or other cities and plan a trip there.

- Real time notifications on both apps for location of bus and expected arrival at location. Alerts function to send to others to see if vehicle is running late. Both are great new options in our service area!

Upper Valley

Stagecoach Jesse Davis, Jesse Davis jdavis@trivalleytransit.org

- New Passenger Guide goes into effect soon with some timetables seeing alterations, though no increases or decreases in service.
- Hired a new Regional Director at the end of 2017: Nick D’Agostino.
- Stagecoach interested in a rechargeable fare card, similar to those in metropolitan areas. Perhaps this is something either the state or VPTA can take the lead on.

Advance Transit Van Chesnut, vchesnut@advancetransit.com

- Delivery on a new Nissan Leaf – all electric – for support use.
- Taking delivery of several new clean diesel buses that are replacing dirtier 2004 and 2009 model buses.
- Real time system continues to work well, using GPS enabled radios (instead of phone system) to transmit data.
- Watching the VW program closely, saving two 2009 diesel buses to replace with two electric buses under the new program. AT well-positioned for potential pilot project.

Vital Communities (Upper Valley TMA) Bethany Fleishman, bethany@vitalcommunities.org or Paige Heverly, paige@vitalcommunities.org

- Bethany Fleishman is serving as the Transportation Demand Management representative on the governor’s Climate Action Commission
- Continuing grant-funded work to market Advance Transit’s real-time system through community based social marketing strategies
- Convene TMA every month with increased advocacy efforts in New Hampshire
- Will be scheduling Everyday Bicycling workshops throughout the summer

Montpelier

Vermont Natural Resources Council Ian Hitchcock, ihitchcock@vnrc.org

- Working across its programs (energy and climate, and sustainable communities) and across the state on transportation efficiency solutions. Includes monitoring and testifying on bills related to EVs, promoting a carbon pricing study to help shift our transportation energy use, helping towns with Act 174 (enhanced energy planning) requirements related to transportation, and coordinating Transportation for Vermonters (T4VT), a coalition for sustainable transportation. Engaging local energy committees is central to this work.
- Energy program director Johanna Miller is on the transportation subcommittee of the Governor’s Climate Action Commission.

“One issue that continues to stump me is the local funding required for transit: Which towns provide it and which don’t (reasons why) and how this impacts travel routes. I am trying to figure out the best way to equip our members with this knowledge in order to advocate successfully on a local level for public transit.”

- Kelly Stoddard-Poor, kstoddardpoor@aarps.org

Cross-Regional Work

Vermont Rail Action Network Larry Lewack, larry@railvermont.org

- New website launched in February—take a look & link to it from your organization’s website, if relevant. The website is at the same address: www.railvermont.org. Several new features, including a ‘Take Action’ page (<http://www.railvermont.org/act-now>) with the latest ways to get involved to support rail and the ability to sign up for Action Alerts.
- Membership program in the works, which would offer travel discounts to members.

Go! Vermont Deb Sachs, dsachs@ecostrategiesllc.com

- EcoStrategies for Go! Vermont, provides TDM technical assistance, project design, back office and direct assistance to partners, service providers, businesses and volunteer groups. We develop tools and resources to share statewide including regional and statewide transportation resource guides, posters and presentations supporting workforce development, wellness and HR folks.
- Enterprise, Go! Vermont’s rideshare partner, offers 5+ employees several vehicle options for their daily commute.
- Hosts a monthly statewide TDM partners call to help coordinate and collaborate on regional TDM efforts; to encourage co-promotion of incentives and services at Go! VT.
- Staff supports transit providers including development of co-branded materials, videos and advertisements.
- Encourages ridesharing and use of public transit options to special events, participates or leads workshops at conferences, and advances special projects including the open trip planner, a vanpool video and volunteer driver collateral and social media messaging.
- Staff, in partnership with others, assists in the development of the “Way to Go! to School” initiative, a school year, incentive, and recognition-based event to travel more efficiently.
- Vermont's Open Trip Planner (OTP) is essentially a publicly-owned “trip planner”. Created from a collection of data including GTFS-flex data describing all available transportation services in Vermont, including flexible transit services and ultimately adding carpools, vanpools, taxi/TNC services, hotel shuttles, and more. The Go Vermont Trip Planner is up and running, allowing riders to plan trips on all transit available services. The goal is trip discovery, not trip “transactions”. Adding the ability track actual bus location and to “book” or reserve a trip option are potential features we can add in the future phases. Riders will be able to see a menu of all their options, and when applicable, get the information they need to contact the provider and set up the ride.

NetZero Vermont Deb Sachs, deb@netzerovt.org

Net Zero Vermont, Inc. is reviewing all regional plan drafts including expanded energy and transportation elements against net zero energy and statewide 90 x 2050 statewide renewable energy goals. We continue to provide technical assistance to volunteer energy and climate economy committees and community decision-makers to improve public transportation and low carbon transportation options. (i.e., multi-modal transit centers, passenger train stations/stops, last mile options designed and developed to meet transit oriented design criteria). NZV is working in partnership with transit agencies to develop a ride the bus arts campaign in Middlebury, and encourage use of Go! Vermont resources to mitigate upcoming construction impacts on several Vermont downtowns. Collaborating with several state agencies including Department of Health, workforce development agencies, businesses and colleges to help disadvantaged populations access more transportation options. NZV is dedicated to transforming transportation and energy systems to low-carbon options. To learn more: visit www.netzerovt.org, and follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/netzerovt>

Vermont Clean Cities Coalition Peggy O'Neill-Vivanco, Peggy.ONeill-Vivanco@uvm.edu

- Vermont Clean Cities Coalition is hosting a free EV showcase on May 23 in Burlington. Please consider including a short promotion in your newsletter, Facebook page, etc. Sample blurb: *Fleets and workplaces interested in electric vehicles (EVs)! Vermont Clean Cities is hosting a free EV showcase and ride-and-drive the morning of May 23 in Burlington. This event will also include breakfast, informational sessions on incorporating EVs into fleet operations and financing opportunities, gift certificate giveaways for ride-and-drive participants, and more! Registration is now open, sign up [here!](#)*
- Event link: <https://vermontcleancitieselectricvehicleshowcase.eventbrite.com>

Sustainable Transportation Vermont Julie Campoli, juliecampoli@gmail.com

- Land use and transportation blog and web resource available at <https://julie-campoli-k7gl.squarespace.com/>
- Contributors needed!