

1) What resources already exist in our Upper Valley communities?

- Lots of personal cars
- Park and rides
- Sidewalks
- Amtrak trains
- Bus services: Advance Transit, Stagecoach, the Current, Dartmouth Coach, and Greyhound
- Defined transit corridors (89 and 91)
- On-call senior buses
- School buses
- Councils on Aging
- Senior centers
- Northern Rail Trail
- Mascoma River Greenway
- Sugar River Rail Trail
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Neighbor helping neighbor programs
- Community Action Agencies
- Volunteer drivers
- Public roads & bridges
- Bike lanes
- Uber & Lyft
- Walkable downtowns
- Transportation apps: Advance Transit and Go! Vermont
- General health and fitness orientation of our communities
- Fitbits, Strava, other apps
- Bikes and eBikes
- Front Porch Forum
- Community Discussion Lists
- Town greens
- Farmers markets
- Trail committees
- Bike cooperatives
- Volunteers in action
- Meal train and Meals on Wheels
- Bus stop shelters
- The Optimist Center
- BALE
- Aging in Hartland
- Recreation center vans
- Carpool groups
- Vanpool groups
- Intercity buses
- Road crews

2) What can be done to match those resources with people?

- More clarity around who qualifies for resources
- Better signage for existing resources
- Next Door, Front Porch Forum, and Community Discussion lists to communicate available resources
- Town welfare managers in NH
- Central parking lots in town or near major thoroughfares
- Carpool Parties and Green Drinks – opportunities to meet other interested parties
- Advertise in local newspapers
- Bike racks at bus stops
- Virtual forums for ridesharing
- Coordination between bus systems
- Better connected bike paths
- Town meetings around transportation
- Mailed survey to town residents
- Town website with resources in town
- Facebook group for ridesharing
- Local churches as connection points
- Mapping of resources with multiple layers on GIS
- Online platform to request rides and post rides
- Employers and large organizations help to connect people to carpooling
- Reduce parking spaces and eliminate parking requirements
- Better connected and utilized apps
- Employer incentives
- Subsidize buses more
- Bike rodeo for adults/families

3) Who are potential partners to help connect people with transportation resources?

- Community hubs
- Dartmouth Coach
- Post offices, town offices, schools
- Cooperative bulletin board for rideshares
- Dartmouth College, DHMC, Ascutney Hospital
- Councils on Aging
- Energy Committees
- Community Associations
- Transportation Providers
- Vital Communities
- Efficiency Vermont
- VRCD
- Churches
- Town managers
- Vermont Agency of Transportation and Go! Vermont
- Children
- Parents
- Schools
- Senior center
- Major employers
- Municipalities
- Educators

4) How can your energy committee play a role in developing a solution?

- Talk to schools and parents about establishing a school-based park and ride and carpool initiative
- Recruit volunteers to spread information
- Help advertise/host meetings to meet possible carpoolers
- Advocate for siting of stops
- Survey town residents to see what's needed
- Advocate for commuter rail
- Advocate for wider shoulders when roads are repaved
- Advocate for bike paths along key corridors, like along Route 4 or to schools
- Be available to verify available resources
- Conduct outreach for existing resources with mailings and central website
- Invite Vital Communities to give a presentation
- Sponsor/create workshops
- Build/maintain relationships between service providers
- Host a drive for the Volunteer Driver program
- Expand/create park and rides
- Advocate for care of rail trails
- Understand connections between systems
- Organize vanpools to and from town
- Task forces – prioritizing actions and reporting out at each meeting
- Educate about and emphasize Emergency Ride Home programs
- Commit to carpooling to energy committee meetings and encourage other groups to do the same
- Send a carpool list before meetings
- Work with neighbors to coordinate trips (e.g. shopping) – builds social cohesion
- Meatless Monday – organize a similar pledge around single occupancy vehicles?
- Encourage people to know their mileage, like we used to do with carbon footprint
- Appoint a transportation point person on the energy committee

5) What kind of support would your energy committee need to tackle this issue?

- A platform for information sharing
- Print materials and messaging
- Easy to navigate information on available resources
- School, workplace, and municipal liaisons for transportation –can Vital Communities make those connections?
- More information on the Open Trip Planner and Go! Vermont
- Grant funding for pilot projects
- Platform for publicity
- Support from Selectboard and planning commissions
- Participation of commuters along major corridors like Route 4 and Route 120