

Vermont Transportation Efficiency Network

9:00am to 1:00pm | Tuesday, January 6, 2015
Rutland Regional Planning Commission, 67 Merchants Row
Rutland, Vermont

Linking Transportation Efficiency & Health

Meeting Objectives

- Learn from challenges to Rutland's bike/pedestrian infrastructure improvements.
- Identify how to incorporate Health Impact Assessments into transportation planning.
- Review our next steps as a network.

Agenda

9:00 *Arrival – coffee, tea, and pastries provided*

9:10 **Welcome and introductions**

9:25 **Challenges in Rutland: Public Safety and the Re-Striping Experiment on Route 4**

Presentation from Kimberly Griffin, Rutland Area Physical Activity Coalition

Q & A

Small Group Discussion: What can we *ALL* learn from this? How do we stay motivated when projects don't work as planned? How can we support the emergence of community-based advocacy to support projects like this? What strategies can Rutland partners take in the future?

10:35 *Refreshment break*

10:50 **Bringing Health Impact Assessments to Transportation Policy and Practice**

Presentation from Suzanne Kelley, VT Dept. of Health

Q & A

Group Discussion: How can Network partners leverage HIAs for more successful projects and policies? Could an HIA have changed the outcome of the Route 4 re-striping? Let's brainstorm some specific transportation projects that could incorporate an HIA.

11:55 **VTEN: Steering Committee, New Website, and Next Meeting**

Group Discussion: Steering committee; VTEN website; brainstorm topics for spring 2015 meeting

12:15 **Optional: Walk to the Rutland Creek Path with Susan Schreibman from RRPC**

The Rutland Creek Path, a ten-minute walk from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission office, is a multi-use path for commuting and recreation that improves safety and access around town for bicycles and pedestrians. Wear weather-appropriate clothing!