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UPPER VALLEY TMA E-NEWSLETTER

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FREE Winter Bike Skills Workshops in Your Community

We just held a great Winter Warrior bike skills workshop at the Norwich Public Library. Want to host one in YOUR community? They are FREE! Just [email uvtma@vitalcommunties.org](mailto:uvtma@vitalcommunties.org) to schedule one.



How to Care for Your E-bike's Battery



E-Bike Battery Winter Storage

Are you a new proud owner of an e-bike? If so, there are some special winter care tips to keep your battery healthy for spring.

Check out [Local Motion's blog post](#) for more info or click on the image to the left.

E-bike Rebate Program through Green Mountain Power

Thinking about buying an e-bike? GMP customers can get an **instant \$200 rebate when they buy a new e-bike or convert a regular bike to an e-bike** at participating Vermont bike shops!

Seeking Your Input on Route 120 (Claremont to Hanover)

- Do you travel along this corridor?
- How do you travel?
- Are our roads safe?
- Where is there room for improvement?

Please join our friends at the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission in a community conversation about our roads. Help them in their planning process to address real problems in our region.

Public Feedback Session
Wednesday, February 26
10:30 am
Mayer Room, Howe Library
13 South Main Street
Hanover, New Hampshire

Upcoming Public Meetings on TCI (Transportation and Climate Initiative)

The [Transportation and Climate Initiative \(TCI\)](#) is a regional effort to establish a cap on climate pollution from transportation fuels and invest millions annually to achieve additional benefits through reduced emissions, cleaner transportation, healthier communities, and more resilient infrastructure.

Throughout January and February, Vermont state officials and regional planning commission staff are hosting public information meetings to discuss the TCI.

Springfield, Vermont, is hosting a public meeting in our region. (There are also meetings in St. Johnsbury, Manchester, and Burlington.)

TCI Public Meeting
Thursday, February 13
6-8 pm
Selectboard Chambers (3rd floor), Town of Springfield Offices
96 Main Street
Springfield, Vermont
Contact: Tom Kennedy tkennedy@swcrpc.org

The meetings will feature a brief overview of TCI and provide detailed information about the specific proposals in the draft regional agreement and the associated modeling results. [More info here.](#)

Warm Up with the Winter Bike & Walk Challenge

Vermont Winter Bike-Walk Challenge

Record your bike, walk, or run commute twice between February 10 and 21 and you'll be eligible for prizes from Local Motion and partners! Eligible Go! Vermont app users will be randomly selected to win prizes in mid-February.

And save the dates...

March 16-20

Way to Go to School's Carpool Week

Month of May

Go! Vermont Bike-Walk Challenge

May 4-8

Way to Go to School's Ride the Bus Week

Friday, May 15

Upper Valley Curb the Car Day

Month of June

CommuterSmart New Hampshire Statewide Challenge



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Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Many Upper Valley residents need to access healthcare and critical services, but have no transportation of their own. Sign up now to become a volunteer driver!

- Choose which rides you provide
- Get reimbursed for gas
- Build community, make an impact!

Local bus companies provide "Dial-A-Ride" programs to supplement their regular bus service and provide rides to those who need them.

Dial-A-Ride programs rely almost exclusively on volunteer



drivers from the community.

Volunteer drivers sign up to provide the rides that fit their schedule and then get reimbursed for gas.

Volunteer in Sullivan County, NH (through Southwestern Community Services)
603-542-9609
tpalmer@scshelps.org (email)
scshelps.org/transportation.htm

Volunteer in N. Windsor & Orange Counties, VT (through Stagecoach Transportation)
802-728-3773
info@stagecoach-rides.org (email)
stagecoach-rides.org/dial-a-ride

Volunteer in S. Windsor and Windham Counties, VT (through The Current/Connecticut River Transit)
802-460-1195 or 888-869-6287
crtransit.org/community/volunteer-drivers

HAPPY WINTER!

- Bethany
Vital Communities Transportation / Upper Valley TMA



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