VTEN and UVTMA Notes from Member Updates
2024-09-26

- Mary-Claire: On May 8thTVT microtransit service launched in Middlebury, much higher ridership! Working really well for older adults and folks with disabilities. Used to be limited to 6 rides per month, but now they can request a ride whenever they need/want. Microtransit is using electric vans. Applied for MTI grant to replicate program in Randolph. And 3 more electric bused on order.
- Kelly: AARP funding opportunities. Placemaking grants due Oct 14,
- Kati: T4VT statewide advocacy coalition, interested in how we can support transit, especially active/greener transportation. Public education/awareness raising around existing mobility options. Need to put pressure on elected officials on how to fund transportation needs - funding cliff. Looking to do more outreach/communications. Don't want to duplicate efforts, do want to amplify messaging.
    - Mary-Claire can help connect to VTPA
- Candy: From NH side, new website - keepnhmoving.com. 8 mobility managers across state.
    - Mobility manager system could be good for VT to learn from.
    - Izaak working on TDM/mobility guide that may lead to more of a mobility manager network.
- Dave: Plugging consulting I do. For each individual, what are their particular needs. Helping with bike decision. Work with individuals and also state agencies/orgs. Cargo bike community in Brattleboro, and in Burlington. Recently had a cargo bike gathering and doing a critical mass ride next week. Bicycle petting zoo!
- Christina: Local Motion finally has a calendar on our website where we would love to post and promote other walk/bike/rolling events. Reminder of CATMA summit in mid Oct. in Burlington.
- Trish: AT updates - Launched pink rt in Leb/Hanover, express and local service. In trial phase and will be finalizing schedule in Oct. On Oct. 5 hosting driver info session for folks who might be interested in driving for AT. Offer CDL training. Hosted one in the spring and found it to be effective. Oct 12, 40 year anniversary, history exhibit and event at Kilton Library.
    - Fun fact: AT was started by Upper Valley Senior Citizens Council and grew into serving broader community.
- Brian: Thriving communities, UVLSRPC and TRORC got funding to do transportation planning with 6 towns in VT and 9 towns in NH. Working on establishing work plans. Will have public outreach events and surveys. Towns opted in. Outputs can vary depending on what town wants. VT: Granville, Hancock, Bethel, Royalton, Hartford, Hartland. NH: Acworth, Charlestown, Goshen, Plainfield, Enfield, Lebanon, Lempster, and Orford.
- Logan: MARC has story map and survey to gather more info on areas people consider dangerous in the MARC area, especially vulnerable users.
- John: Rural Community Transportation in NEK for next year's in person gathering?