



Weekly News Roundup June 15, 2020 - June 19, 2020

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Upcoming Events

Workshop on Local Planning for Community Food Access

June 24, 2020 - 4:00-5:30 pm

Northeastern Vermont Development Association and other members of the Farm to Plate Network are hosting a **virtual training on Local Planning for Food Access** - [Register here](#).

This training will help planners and advocates explore the relationship between municipal planning and food access, providing an overview of a wide array of strategies that could be included in a plan and potential partners and data sources for the decision making process. Incorporating food access in your local planning can raise awareness and build broad public support for food access initiatives, and there are a wide variety of ways to include food access in many different plan sections. If your community is already engaged in food access work in response to COVID-19, your municipal plan may be an opportunity to support and expand this work as an ongoing priority. If you're unsure how to begin addressing food access, the planning process can help.

Save the Date: June 29th Weatherization and Word of Mouth

Join us June 29th for an hour-long discussion with Waterbury LEAP and Capstone Community Action regarding home weatherization, success stories, and engagement in a time where we can't just knock on our neighbors' doors. We'll take some time to learn about what Waterbury LEAP is up to; and what work Capstone Community Action has been doing, and there will be ample time for questions and general discussion!

We hope to see you there. Please email Zachary Maia at maia@cvregion.com for more information.

VBSR Virtual Town Hall on Racial Justice

July 1, 2020 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility for an important discussion on racial justice in Vermont. Event will feature three Vermont leaders who will share their insights and experience working to address equity and justice issues in our state. Speakers will answer questions from the VBSR community, and also discuss opportunities for Vermont's business leaders to support the BIPOC community. [Click here to register for the virtual town hall.](#)

Community News

Route 100B Bridge Closure



A section of Route 100B in Moretown will be closed beginning June 22nd to allow for bridge repair. It is expected the closure will last approximately 60 days. Detours will be necessary Route 100 to Route 2 to Route 100B or the reverse, dependent on which direction you are traveling.

VTrans Seeking Public Comment on AV Testing Permit Guidance and Application

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is seeking comments from the public and affected parties on the **Draft of the Automated Vehicle Testing Permit Guidance and Application**. Comments due by June 30th. The Guide implements the AV Testing Act and describes the process and requirements to obtain a permit to test automated vehicles on state and town highways in Vermont. The Guide is intended for use by applicants who are seeking a permit to test automated vehicles on public roads in Vermont and **municipalities** that are considering allowing testing on town highways under their jurisdiction. [READ MORE>>](#)

Lend Your Voice to Vermont/National Commute Survey

The commutes of many Vermonters have changed significantly due to COVID-19, with many shifting to telecommuting. Now that workplaces are starting to open back up, transportation planners in Vermont are interested in understanding the potential changes in work travel.

Transportation partners across Vermont invite you to provide feedback on how COVID-19 may impact your commutes to work. Results from the survey will provide important information to transportation providers, policy makers, and employers on how to meet the needs of commuters and help ensure your return to the work site is safe and reliable.

Complete the survey online (takes about 5 minutes) at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACTcovidCATMA>

The survey is open until July 3, 2020, and as an incentive all submissions received by June 26, 2020 will qualify for a drawing for one of five (5) \$100 Amazon gift cards. [The survey](#) can be completed by all individuals currently working or planning to return to work in the coming months.

The survey was developed by the [Association for Commuter Transportation](#) and [Center for Transportation Demand Management](#), with results being shared with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, Vermont's regional planning commissions, Chittenden Area Transportation Management Association, and Upper Valley Transportation Management Association.

Farm to Plate 2.0 - The Future of Farming

The [Farm to Plate Network's Farm to Plate 2.0 public survey](#) is now live and they are hoping you will fill out the survey and consider sharing with your networks and community.

Help shape the future farming and food development in Vermont. Share your input and be entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to a Vermont farmers market of your choice. By participating, you'll be adding your voice to the Farm to Plate Strategic Plan.



Additional questions about this survey can be directed to Jake Claro at jake@vsjf.org.

COVID 19 Updates

News from CVRPC

[CVRPC Municipal Updates](#) are available on our website with COVID-19 resources. Check back often as they are updated weekly.

If your community has a need, we can assist you with, please contact us at CVRPC@cvregion.com -

RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines

2020 Municipal Planning Grants Announced

Municipal Planning Grants have helped communities implement town plan recommendations and jump start initiatives to find wastewater solutions, update zoning regulations to increase local housing options, and develop strategic plans to diversify the local economy.

Towns may apply for up to \$22,000 and joint applications from several municipalities (a consortium) may apply for up to \$35,000. A wide range of municipal planning and implementation activities are eligible for funding.

Please review the Program Description for eligibility requirements. Application Deadline: October 1, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

If you would like assistance preparing a grant application or advice about a project idea, please contact us at cvrpc@cvregion.com

Upcoming Meetings

Please note that CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for all meetings

JUNE

June 23 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Via Technology (see agenda for details)

June 25 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (see agenda for details)

JULY

July 3 Holiday - Office Closed

July 6 4 pm Executive Committee, Via Technology (see agenda for details)

July 9 4 pm Clean Water Advisory Committee, Via Technology (see agenda for details)

July 14 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners, Via Technology (see agenda for details)

July 16 7 pm Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

July 28 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, TBD

July 30 4 pm Project Review Committee, TBD

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