

Weekly News Roundup April 30, 2021

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Upcoming Events



Let's Keep Freight Moving

May 6, 2021 | 4:00 - 5:30pm (Virtual)

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) is hosting an online Freight Forum to discuss issues and develop solutions for freight transportation in Vermont. AOT invites you to help shape the future of freight movement in the state by participating in the discussion. Visit the [Freight Plan webpage](#) for more information. After the Freight Forum, they'll post a recording of the event.

Virtual ICS 402 Training

May 6, 2021 | 8 am - 12 pm (Virtual)

This course provides an orientation to the Incident Command System for Executives and Senior Officials, and is particularly encouraged for Selectboard members. Register via the [Learning Management System](#). Don't have an LMS account? [Click here](#) to create one.

RBES & Building Envelope Assemblies

May 11, 2021 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Take a deeper dive into the 2020 Residential Building Energy Standards. This session covers how RBES changes influence building envelope assembly, the process of separating the conditioned from unconditioned space. Training presented by Efficiency Vermont expert, Steve Spatz.

Register [here](#)

Virtual FEMA Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Training

May 18 - 20, 2021 | 12:00 - 4:00 pm

FEMA is offering a virtual Local Hazard Mitigation Planning training through the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). Detailed course description and how to apply to take the course here: [K0318: Local Hazard Mitigation Planning](#).

Registration is open Monday, May 3rd, to May 14th. A [FEMA Student ID \(SID\)](#) will be required, and instructions to register for a SID are provided on the second page of the [course description](#) linked for those who do not have a SID. Register for the SID before applying for the course. The goal of this course is to provide local governments and their partners with the information necessary to prepare and implement their hazard mitigation plan. This course is for local community officials, emergency managers, planners, and other partners who are involved in hazard mitigation planning.

Summit on the Future of Vermont

May 26 & 27, 2021 | 1:00 - 5:00pm (Virtual)

Register today for the **Summit on the Future of Vermont**. Join Vermonters from across the state to consider ideas for Vermont's future, think with experts and leaders, contribute your ideas for action, and engage in partnership for the future of the state. Learn more and register at www.futureofvermont.org/summit.



Way to Go Spring Challenge

May 1 - 16, 2021

Spring is here, so it's a great time to Get Up and Go! Take the challenge to walk, bike, roll, bus or carpool May 1st through 16th and be a part of the Way to Go! Transportation Challenge. Whether you're getting healthy, supporting a clean, green Vermont, or doing your part to battle pollution, you can earn points to win awesome prizes. [Sign Up Here!](#)

Community News

Do You Have an Innovative Project That Needs Funding?

Do you have a project idea? Perhaps an affordable housing, infrastructure, education, or community engagement project? Congressman Sanders will have the privilege of nominating several Vermont projects for funding through the congressional appropriations process. If you would like your project to be considered for federal funding, fill out his appropriations request form here:

https://outreach.senate.gov/igextranet/EForm.aspx?_cid=SenSanders&_fid=26



UVM Transportation Research Center Study

The University of Vermont Transportation Research Center (www.uvm.edu/cems/trc) is looking for your help in identifying transportation challenges in your community and possible solutions. We are inviting you to participate in a focus group meeting where you will have a chance to discuss these issues with other people from the Barre/Montpelier area and UVM transportation researchers. To remain Covid-19 compliant, focus groups will be held virtually with access by phone or computer. If you are interested in participating, please go to https://qualtrics.uvm.edu/jfe/form/SV_OPXQZMhQiRxEt3E where you can learn more about the study and how to participate or you can contact the research team with any questions about the study:

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VLCT Provides Guidance on ATV Law Changes

Two recent changes to ATV laws are now in effect, which means that many municipalities will need to amend their ordinances to bring them into compliance. VLCT's model All-Terrain Vehicle Ordinance has been updated to assist in those efforts. See vlct.org/atvs. [Read More>>](#)

Share Your Thoughts on the 2021 Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan

Following extensive input from the Vermont System Planning Committee and the Vermont utilities, VELCO has prepared this [Public Review Draft of the 2021 Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan](#). VELCO is seeking input on the public review plan through May 28, 2021. The input will be used to create a final plan to be filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission and the Public Service Department by July 1, 2021.

Join the next public meeting on May 5, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for an opportunity to share your comments on the plan. [Click here for more information](#), including how to RSVP to receive a link to join the meeting.

COVID 19 Updates

Updates to CDC and State Mask Guidance

Effective tomorrow, 5/1/21, masks will no longer be required outdoors, provided physical distancing can be maintained. This applies to both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

Vermont Moves to Step 2 of Vermont Forward Plan

Effective May 1st, Vermont will move to Step 2 to the Vermont Forward Plan.

- Meetings of public bodies and town meetings are in the Group B sector and will move to Universal Guidance requirements (see [here](#)).
- Gathering and events: Indoor: 1 unvaccinated person per 100 sq. ft. up to 150 people, plus any # of vaccinated people; Outdoor: 300, plus any number of vaccinated people

Appointments now open for part-time Vermont residents and out-of-state students

Vaccine registration is now open to college students who are residents of another state and do not intend to stay in Vermont for the summer, as well as to people who live part of the year in Vermont. Make an account and schedule your appointment here:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine> or call 855-722-7878.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Information from VLCT

VLCT has developed a resource page for the latest information on ARPA funding and related news, including resources and local allocation updates. See here:

<https://www.vlct.org/resources/american-rescue-plan-information>

RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines

Economic Recovery Bridge Grants Announced

On April 17, 2021, H.315 was enacted (Act 9). The Act appropriates \$10 million of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to ACCD to provide priority funding to businesses that have not received prior State or Federal financial assistance. To the extent that funds remain available, the program is also intended to provide funding to businesses that have suffered a tax loss even after receiving State or Federal aid. ACCD has published [public guidance](#).

The application portal will be open in early June; FAQs, and translated versions of materials will be posted soon at <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/economic-recovery-bridge-grants>

Upcoming Meetings

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

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May 3 4 pm Executive Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
 May 11 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)
 May 11 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners, Via Technology (See Agenda)
 May 13 4 pm Clean Water Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
 May 14 10 am Regional Elders & Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
 May 19 5 pm Municipal Plan Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
 May 25 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
 May 26 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)
 May 27 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
 May 31 Memorial Day Holiday, Office Closed

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