

# LEGISLATIVE OUTLINE

## Key Stats:

- Vermont 20-39 year olds dropped 20 percent from 1990-2010.
- 16-34 year old from 2001-2009 nationally:
  - Annual VMT dropped 23% from 10,300 to 7,900.
  - Took 24% more bike trips and walked 16% more often.
  - Increased miles traveled on public transit 40%
- Nationally, 45% of young adults report conscience effort to drive less, compared to 32% of all others.

## Transportation Options that Influence Young Adults:

- Majority of Vermont millennials own cars.
- Many car owners, however, said they would rather not own, but have to.
- “Options” are key for millennials.

## Young Adults and Cars:

- Most common reason for not wanting to own a car was cost.
- Electric vehicles do not excite young people.
- Millennials urge policymakers to expand car sharing.

## Walking and Biking:

- Safety is a major issue and concern.
- Bike lanes legitimize cycling and force drivers to respect cyclists.
- Sidewalk conditions are often appalling.
- Walking and biking facilities cannot be an afterthought.

## Public Transportation:

- Millennials find public-transit in Vermont useless, even in Chittenden County.
- Buses and trains do not run often enough – Evening service is key.
- Bus service needs to reach more towns outside economic hubs.
- Public transit to airports is needed.

## Technology Advances:

- Wifi all buses, and GPS track them through a smart phone app.
- Uber and Lyft are not important any where but maybe Burlington

## Highway Safety:

- Legalizing marijuana will not decrease highway safety.
- Steeper fines for speeding and aggressive driving, fewer warnings.
- More flashing speed signs.
- More drunk driving ads on TV and music programs aimed at young adults.
- Greater bike/ped safety emphasis on DMV driver tests.