

House Transportation Committee Vermont's Transportation Program for the Elderly & Disabled

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Evolution of Public Transit in Vermont

Main Street, St. Albans, 1909.

People lived in small towns or in the country

They had lower expectations of mobility

Transit tried to keep up with demand response and volunteer service

Technology made dramatic changes that increased expectations

Population is more spread out

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Let's talk about why this matters

- Transportation is consistently identified as one of the barriers to successful aging.
- Transportation allows the elderly and people with disabilities to live a full life in the home and community of their choice.
- Medical services can deal with more prevention and fewer emergencies
- Partner agencies need transportation to deliver their programs efficiently and effectively

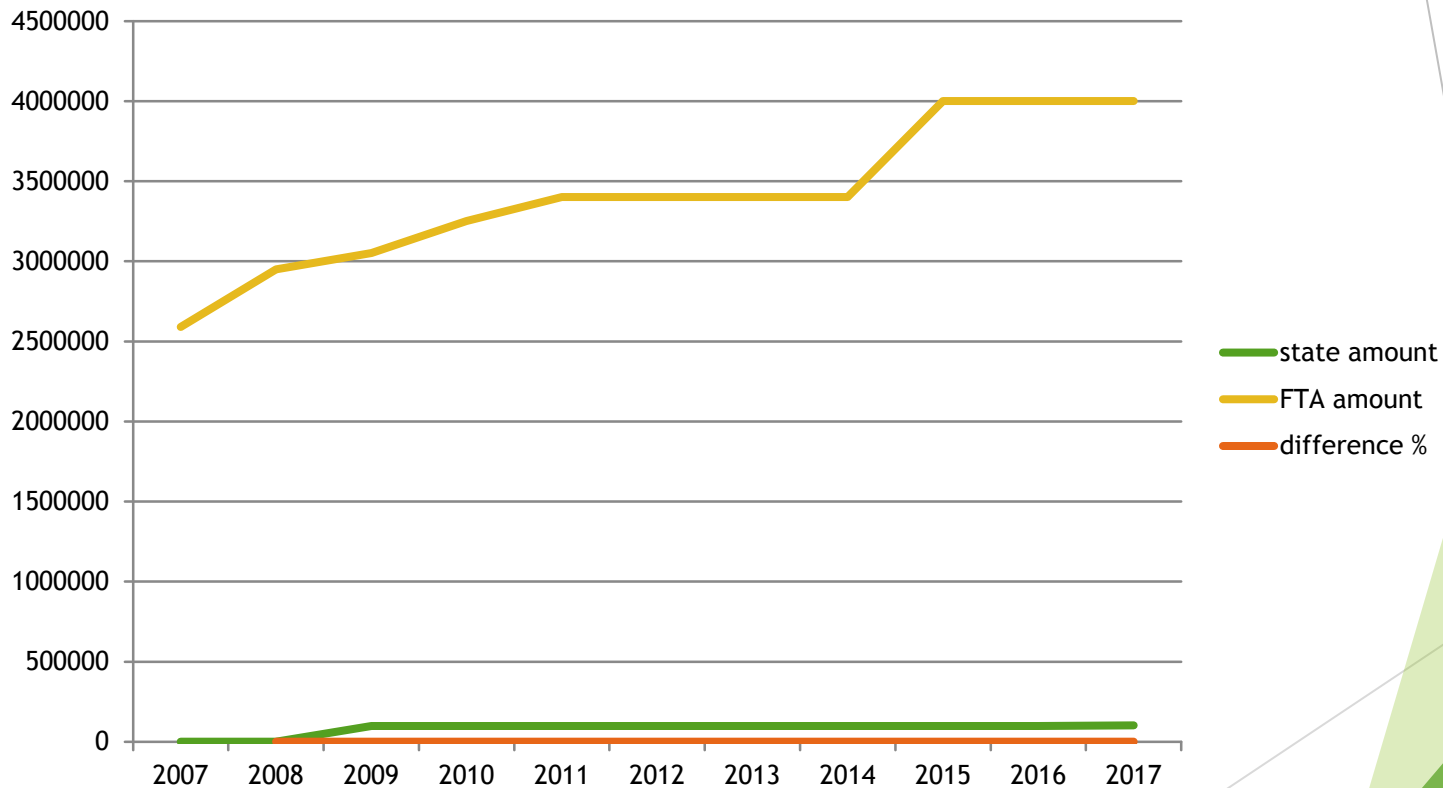


Vermont made major investments in specialized service to the elderly and disabled

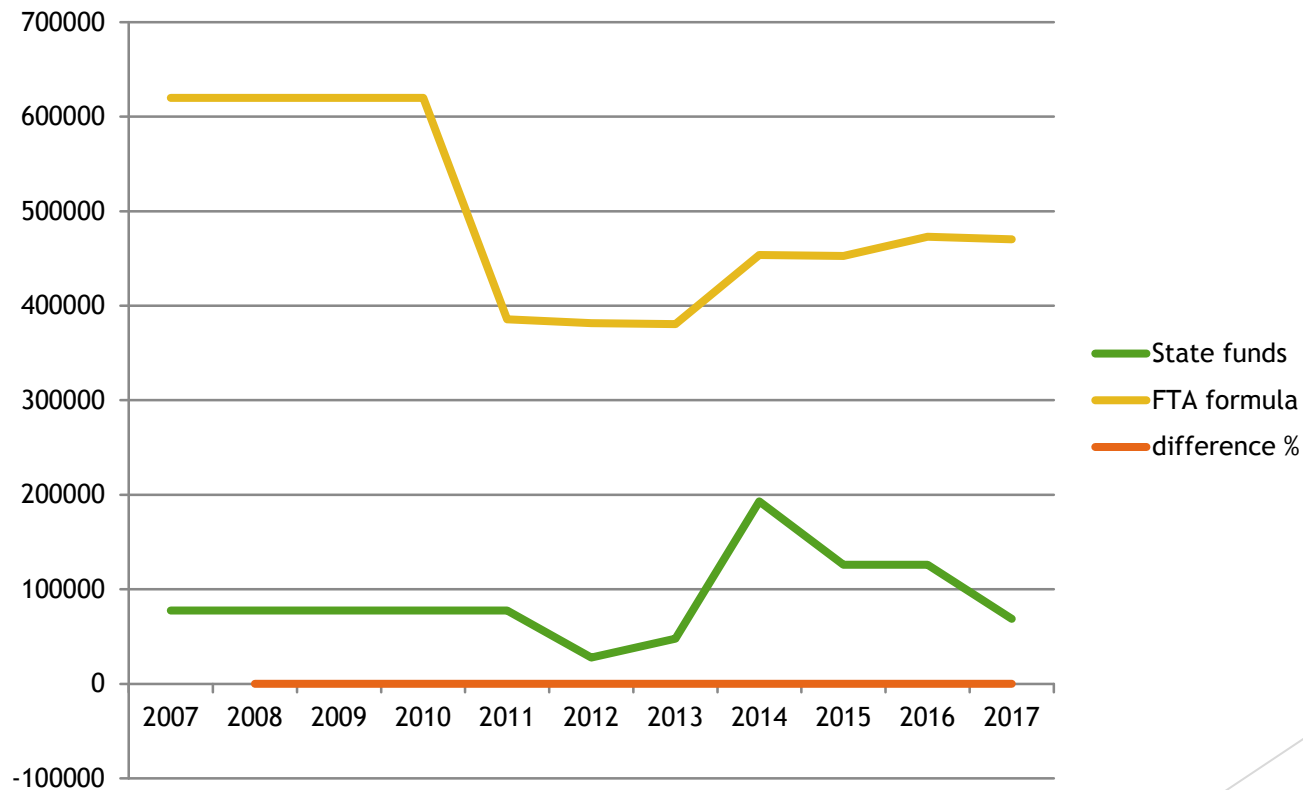
VTrans History of the E&D Program

- ❑ 1975 - FTA formula program started on a federal level with apportionments to the states based on population of elderly and disabled for capital only
- ❑ Pre-1990 - Vtrans used FTA 5310 funding to buy vehicles
- ❑ 1991 - FTA funding doubled nationwide and required coordination and allowed flexing funding from Federal Highway programs
- ❑ 2005 - FTA allowed 33% of funds to be used for purchased transportation
- ❑ 2000 Census - 17% of Vermonters were elderly, 2020 Census - 25% expected
- ❑ 2004 E&D Program in Vermont began in earnest, 45% allowed for purchase of service
- ❑ Funds are flexed from the FHWA CMAQ/STP into the FTA 5311 program to purchase services for the E&D program
- ❑ 2005 (2003-2004 Act 122 Section 146b established objectives for a study) DAIL commissioned study of the current services to the elderly and disabled
- ❑ 2016 (2015 ACT 40 Section 12) Vermont Elders & Persons with Disability Transportation Program Review

E&D operational funding over 10 years



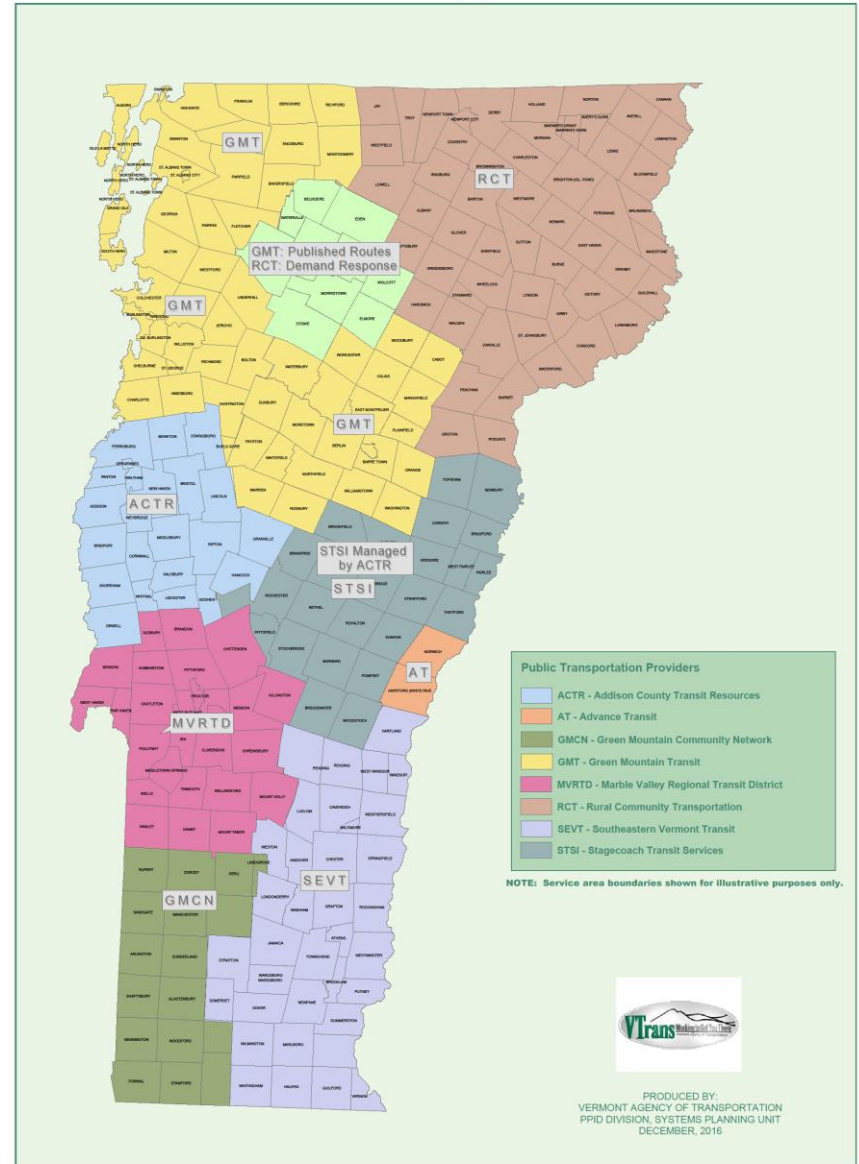
E&D Capital Funding over 10 years



How does it work?

- ▶ Vtrans established E&D Advisory Committees in each region
- ▶ The Planning Agency in each region is responsible for the committee
- ▶ The groups, RPTACs, create a service plan for the region which consists of how they appropriate the funds for which client group
- ▶ These partners are responsible for providing the local share
- ▶ They meet monthly to discuss transportation issues in the region and how to resolve them
- ▶ VTrans and AHS developed guidelines
- ▶ VTrans coordinators

Vermont's Public Transportation Providers



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