



# Transportation for Vermonters: An Overview

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# Transportation challenges (and opportunities)

## **Energy**

*Transportation → 47% of GHG emissions*

## **Affordability**

*Transportation → 2<sup>nd</sup> largest household expense*

## **Public health**

*Transportation choices → fight obesity, reduce isolation*

## **Economic benefits**

*Active recreation → Vermont's economy*

# Who is involved?

## Members

- AARP Vermont
- American Lung Association of VT
- Chittenden Area Transportation Management Association
- Capstone Community Action
- Local Motion
- Renewable Energy Vermont
- VEIC
- VNRC
- VPIRG

## Partners

- CarShare Vermont
- Main Street Alliance
- Sierra Club
- United Way – Addison Co.
- United Way – NW VT
- UVM TRC
- Vermont Council on Rural Development
- Vermont Environmental Education Program
- Vermont Heart Association
- Vermont Public Transit Association
- Vital Communities



# Key principles: why

**Why:** A robust and efficient statewide system for sustainable mobility benefits all Vermonters, our communities, our environment, and our economy

- Affordability
- Health and well-being
- Access and economic opportunity
- Community vitality

# Key principles: what

***What:*** A comprehensive and coordinated approach to transportation demand management, land use planning and development, and advancing cleaner vehicles is needed to achieve a robust and efficient statewide system for sustainable mobility. This approach will:

- Include a range of Vermonters
- Foster connected, compact communities
- Promote integrated policy making

# Key principles: how

**How:** Investments in a robust and efficient statewide system for sustainable mobility should address a range of state goals, account for societal costs and benefits borne by Vermonters, and ensure efficient use of public funds to meet outcomes. Achieving this will require:

- Developing and aligning performance measures
- Evaluating and monitoring investments
- Innovation
- Building upon successes







**Electric**  
Testing Tomorrow's Technology

green technology

100% electric

quiet running

reduced emissions



We look forward to further conversation

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