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2 Senators Perchlik, Mazza, Chittenden, Ingalls and Kitchel move that that  
3 the Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment with further proposal  
4 of amendment by striking out Secs. 12, report on increasing gross weight limits  
5 on highways; 13, distracted driving; report; 14, idling; public outreach  
6 campaign; 15, 19 V.S.A. § 10b; 16, 19 V.S.A. § 10i; and 17, effective dates,  
7 and their corresponding reader assistance headings in their entirety and  
8 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 \* \* \* General Statement of Policy; Transportation Planning \* \* \*

10 Sec. 12. 19 V.S.A. § 10b is amended to read:

11 § 10b. STATEMENT OF POLICY; GENERAL

12 (a) The Agency shall be the responsible agency of the State for the  
13 development of transportation policy. It shall develop a mission statement to  
14 reflect:

15 (1) that State transportation policy shall be to encompass, coordinate,  
16 and integrate all modes of transportation and to consider “complete streets”  
17 principles, which are principles of safety and accommodation of all  
18 transportation system users, regardless of age, ability, or modal preference; and

19 (2) the need for transportation projects that will improve the State’s  
20 economic infrastructure, as well as the use of resources in efficient,  
21 coordinated, integrated, cost-effective, and environmentally sound ways, and

1 that will be consistent with the recommendations of the Comprehensive  
2 Energy Plan (CEP) issued under 30 V.S.A. § 202b, the recommendations of  
3 the Climate Action Plan (CAP) issued under 10 V.S.A. § 592, and any rules  
4 adopted in accordance with 10 V.S.A. § 593.

5 (b) The Agency shall coordinate planning and education efforts with ~~those~~  
6 ~~of the Vermont Climate Change Oversight Committee and~~ those of local and  
7 regional planning entities to:

8 (1) ~~to~~ ensure that the transportation system as a whole is integrated, that  
9 access to the transportation system as a whole is integrated, and that statewide,  
10 local, and regional conservation and efficiency opportunities and practices are  
11 integrated; and

12 (2) ~~to~~ support employer-led or local or regional government-led  
13 conservation, efficiency, rideshare, and bicycle programs and other innovative  
14 transportation advances, especially employer-based incentives.

15 (c) In developing the State's annual Transportation Program, the Agency  
16 shall, consistent with the planning goals listed in 24 V.S.A. § 4302 ~~as amended~~  
17 ~~by 1988 Acts and Resolves No. 200~~ and with appropriate consideration to  
18 local, regional, and State agency plans:

19 (1) Develop or incorporate designs that provide integrated, safe, and  
20 efficient transportation and that are consistent with the recommendations of the  
21 CEP and the CAP.

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Sec. 13. 19 V.S.A. § 10i is amended to read:

§ 10i. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

(a) Long-range systems plan. The Agency shall establish and implement a planning process through the adoption of a long-range ~~multi-modal~~ multimodal systems plan integrating all modes of transportation. The long-range ~~multi-modal~~ multimodal systems plan shall be based upon Agency transportation policy developed under section 10b of this title; other policies approved by the General Assembly; Agency goals, mission, and objectives; and demographic and travel forecasts, design standards, performance criteria, and funding availability. The long-range systems plan shall be developed with participation of the public and local and regional governmental entities and pursuant to the planning goals and processes set forth in 1988 Acts and Resolves No. 200. The plan shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP) issued under 30 V.S.A. § 202b and the Climate Action Plan (CAP) issued under 10 V.S.A. § 592.

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(c) Transportation Program. The Transportation Program shall be developed in a fiscally responsible manner to accomplish the following objectives:

- (1) managing, maintaining, and improving the State’s existing

1 transportation infrastructure to provide capacity, safety, ~~and~~ flexibility, and  
2 resiliency in the most cost-effective and efficient manner;

3 (2) developing an integrated transportation system that provides  
4 Vermonters with transportation choices;

5 (3) strengthening the economy, protecting the quality of the natural  
6 environment, and improving Vermonters' quality of life; and

7 (4) achieving the recommendations of the CEP and the CAP.

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9 \* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

10 Sec. 14. EFFECTIVE DATES

11 (a) This section and Secs. 1 (new motor vehicle arbitration; 9 V.S.A.  
12 § 4173(d)), 3 (current Total Abstinence Program participants), 8 and  
13 9 (abandoned vehicles; 23 V.S.A. §§ 2151 and 2153(a)), and 10 (transportation  
14 network companies regulation preemption; 23 V.S.A. § 754(b)) shall take  
15 effect on passage.

16 (b) Sec. 2 (Total Abstinence Program; 23 V.S.A. § 1209a) shall take effect  
17 on passage and apply to all individuals participating in or in the process of  
18 applying to participate in the Total Abstinence Program as of the effective date  
19 of this section without regard to when the individual's license was reinstated  
20 under the Total Abstinence Program.

21 (c) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2022.