
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Building the Bench – Expanding Readiness

Emergent situations manifest quickly, and often unpredictably. AOT has and continues to train and build its knowledge base internally in order to respond to events quickly, efficiently, and safely.

Key areas that support continued readiness.

1. Development of Incident Command Training that aligns with FEMA training requisites, coupled with AOT specific response systems.
2. AOT has increased its SEOC partner level cadre by 9 staff this year.

3. AOT will, by the end of the year, have an estimated 24 +/- staff licensed by the FCC as operators for HAM radios, who can provide state-wide communications capabilities in the absence of traditional comms.

4. Emergency Procedure Plans in development for all AOT facilities.

5. Regional Tabletop exercises in development.

6. Rutland Airport Tabletop planned for Jan. 12, 2023

FHWA – Emergency Relief

The Emergency Relief program provides funds for emergency repairs and permanent repairs on Federal-aid highways and roads, tribal transportation facilities, and roads on Federal lands that the Secretary finds have suffered serious damage as a result of natural disasters or catastrophic failure from an external cause.

Projects completed and closed out: 26

Active, ongoing, projects: 39

CY 2022 FHWA funds leveraged: \$3,170, 00

CY 2023 FHWA anticipated: \$4,166,000

FEMA – Public Assistance

FEMA reimburses state and local governments and certain types of private nonprofit organizations for the cost of disaster-related debris removal, emergency protective measures to protect life and property, and permanent repair work to damaged or destroyed infrastructure.

1. 65 ongoing projects with an estimated FEMA support value of approximately \$5.5M
2. DR 1995, from the spring of 2011, is down to 4 active large projects all being managed by VTrans Rail & Aviation Bureau
3. DR 4022, TS Irene from Fall 2011, is down to 6 active projects which are being managed by AOT's Rail & Aviation Bureau.

This summer, VTrans entered into memorandums of understanding (MOU) with Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) for 4 other active FEMA-declared disasters. These MOUs will allow VTrans to leverage FEMA funding, as a subrecipient to VEM, for work completed to restore infrastructure, including administrative costs. Detailed below:

DR 4330 (Spring 2017) – 3 remaining large projects. Fed Share of \$1,813,533.91

DR 4445 (Spring 2019) – 4 remaining large projects. Fed Share of \$2,332,373.24

DR 4474 (Fall 2019) – 5 remaining large projects. Fed Share of \$1,261,484.57

DR 4621 (Summer 2021) – 3 small projects with a Fed Share \$51,964.43