

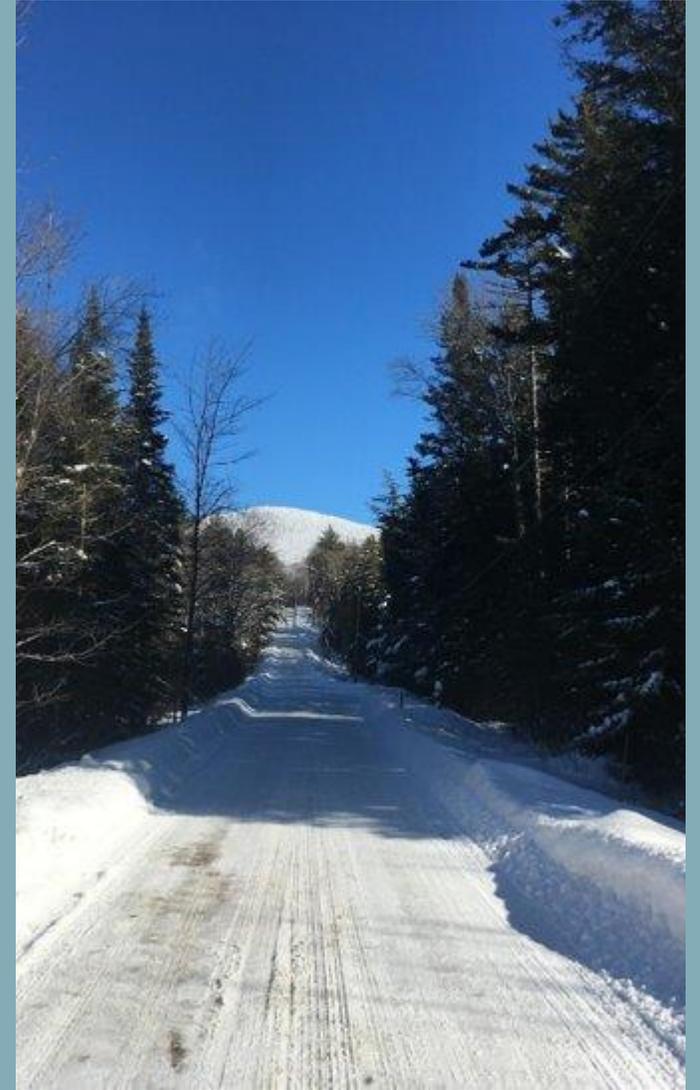


TRANSPORTATION OVERVIEW FOR ADDISON COUNTY

February 11, 2026
Vermont House Transportation Committee

ACRPC

- Serve 21 Towns
- Active Transportation Advisory Committee that meets 8-10 times per year
- Active Road Foremen network that meets 4-6 times per year (15 towns participated in FY25)



Addison County Regional Plan

- Regional Plan recently submitted to the Land Use Review Board late January
- Organized by principal travel corridors
- Covers multiple transportation modes
 - Roadways and Transit
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian
 - Rail
 - Air
 - Ferry



Transportation Mission & Vision

- Safely Supports All Modes of Travel
- Promotes Energy Efficiency and Conservation
- Enhances Regional Land Uses and the Region's Sense of Place
- Exhibits Resiliency to Natural Hazards
- Leverages Sufficient Funding

Vermont 22A

- Important freight route between Port of Albany and Chittenden County
- Paving and widening projects either completed or programmed from Fair Haven to Addison
- Pinch point in Vergennes
 - 800 trucks per day through downtown; 90-98% through traffic
 - One crossing of the Otter Creek; programmed for repair/replacement (BF 017-1(19))
 - 11% grade at north end of bridge heading into downtown
 - Subject of Vermont's second ever Planning and Environmental Linkages Study (PELS)

Vermont 22A – PELS Study

- Followed previous studies of the same problem, but for the first time involved federal partners
- Consultants recommended advancing two new road alternatives to NEPA, both to the northwest of Vergennes
- Policy Committee also requested advancing an alternative that utilized VT-17 to avoid Vergennes
- **Next step would be project specific NEPA review which would require funding approved by the legislature**

U.S. 7

- Major North South Corridor in western part of state. Generally in good condition
- ACRPC supports roundabouts at intersections on the edges of communities to maintain traffic flow and provide a visual break between rural and developed areas
 - Exchange St. Intersection roundabout in Middlebury (NH 019-3(62))– High Priority for the Region – bid advertising currently scheduled for Spring 2029
- Bridge over Lewis Creek in Ferrisburgh (BF 019-4(35)) – deck replacement proposed
 - 30-day closure with offsite truck detour of 60 miles

Tri-Valley Transit

- Microtransit in Middlebury with some fixed route service
- Commuter routes on VT116 and US7
- Rural connector between Middlebury, Bristol, and Vergennes
- Seasonal service to the Middlebury Snow Bowl



Asset Management Planning

- ACRPC sets aside a portion of our transportation planning budget for dedicated studies identified by municipalities and the TAC
- FY24 Vergennes requested development of an asset management plan
- Currently working with Bridport, Cornwall, Ripton, and Shoreham on plans

Municipal Roads General Permit

- Have worked with 19 of our 21 communities on second round Road Erosion Inventories
- Towns really appreciate Grants in Aid funding to meet permit requirements
- Some valley towns have can achieve their improvement targets without Grants in Aid
- Highway department staff report improved resilience during storm events



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Questions?

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