Comprehensive Energy Plan / Climate Action Plan
Transportation Technical Workshop
Thursday, August 26, 2021, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Hosted by the Department of Public Service (PSD) in partnership with members of the Cross-Sector Mitigation (CSM) Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

Meeting Access
This meeting will be hosted remotely via Zoom, although we will also have an in-person location available. Remote participation via Zoom is strongly encouraged. The meeting will be recorded.

To join on your computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6050832511

To join by phone: Dial 929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 605 083 2511#

In-person option: Department of Public Service, 112 State Street in Montpelier, Third Floor Giga Room

Objectives

Obtain stakeholder input on:

- What state strategies, policies, and programs are needed to achieve Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP) and Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) Climate Action Plan (CAP) goals in the transportation sector?
- How should the State consider and balance tradeoffs among criteria when assessing policy options (for example: equity, cost-effectiveness, co-benefits, feasibility, carbon, and energy reductions)?

Agenda

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions (PSD)

- Introduction of Staff/Facilitator/Guests
- Objectives for the Workshop

9:35 Welcome Message (Secretary Joe Flynn, VTrans)

9:45 Review Agenda, Workshop Guidelines, and Zoom Logistics (Facilitator)

9:50 Overview

- Ensuring Equity in the CEP and CAP (Sue Minter, Just Transitions Subcommittee of the Climate Council)
- CEP & CAP Process, including how plans interact and how each plan will be used and by whom (Ed McNamara, PSD; Jane Lazorchak, ANR)
- Vermont’s Transportation Energy and Climate Picture (Jared Duval, EAN)
- Questions on Equity, Process, and Current Picture (Facilitator)

10:35 Supporting the Climate Action Plan through Today’s Workshop (Johanna Miller, Cross-Sector Mitigation of the Climate Council)
10:45 Morning Breakout Session Introduction

- Vermont EV Progress, EVSE Activity, and Zero Emissions Vehicle Action Plan (Dan Dutcher, VTrans; Deidra Ritzer, DEC)
- Questions on EV and ZEV Action Plan Presentation (Facilitator)

11:15 Break (Zoom Transfer into Breakout Groups)

11:25 Morning Breakout: Electric and Efficient Vehicles

Initial Questions

- How are current programs working? How much do they need to be scaled up? What do we need to scale them? What is missing?
- What needs to change to grow the used vehicle market for efficient vehicles?
- How does Vermont support lower income and rural residents and businesses, and not subsidize drivers with financial capacity?
- In the near term, how should state policy balance EV charging infrastructure in rural areas with serving residents of multiunit dwellings?
- Where are there synergies/co-benefits of strategies/actions within the transportation sector? Beyond the transportation sector?
- Which of these have most/least potential for achieving distributional equity outcomes?

12:30 p.m. Report Out from Morning Breakout Session & Questions (Facilitator)

12:45 Lunch

1:30 The Land Use and Transportation Demand Nexus (Dan Dutcher, VTrans; Bronwyn Cooke, DHCD)

1:50 Questions on Land Use Presentation (Facilitator)

1:55 Afternoon Breakout: Land Use and Transportation Demand

Initial Questions

- How can state and municipal roads be inviting for all modes of mobility?
- What should we be looking out for on the horizon re: land use and transportation energy demand?
- What are the barriers to linking and elevating land use and transportation goals? What should we be doing to overcome those barriers?
- How can land use policies and programs be structured to better advance both land use and transportation goals?
- What one new or amended land use policy would most enable/accelerate land use and transportation energy/emissions goals?
- What would be the single best use of funding to support the State’s land use goals and transportation energy and emissions goals?

3:10 Report Out from Afternoon Breakout Session & Questions (Facilitator)

3:25 Next Steps and Future Opportunities for Input (Ed McNamara, PSD)

3:30 Adjourn