

# ACRPC

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**Bristol Route 116 Bridge 6 Construction Project**  
 Project Location: Town of Bristol on VT 116 at Little Notch Creek, approximately 2.6 miles south of the intersection of VT 116 and VT 17.

This project will replace the existing bridge with a new bridge that meets current design standards. The new bridge will be a Precast Prestressed Concrete Voids Slab Bridge, which has a relatively short construction period and comparatively low construction and maintenance costs. It will be 51 feet long and 35 feet wide, with two 11-foot travel lanes and two 4-foot shoulders featuring a 2-rail box beam bridge rail-

ing. The bridge will be constructed with Accelerated Bridge Construction methods, which will expedite construction and reduce disturbance to the public.

There will be an allowable 28 day road closure with single lane closures prior to and following the bridge closure period. The bridge closure period is tentatively scheduled to occur from July 20th to August 14th, 2015. Motorists can expect construction activity throughout the summer.

During the bridge closure period, a traffic detour will be in effect and marked with directional signs. Motorists travelling south on VT 116 will be rerouted west on VT 17 to south on US 7 in New Haven through Middlebury to the intersection of VT 116 and US 7. Motorists traveling north on VT 116 will be rerouted north on US 7 through Middlebury and New Haven to east on VT 17 to the intersection of VT 17 and VT 116. Project completion is scheduled for September 2015.

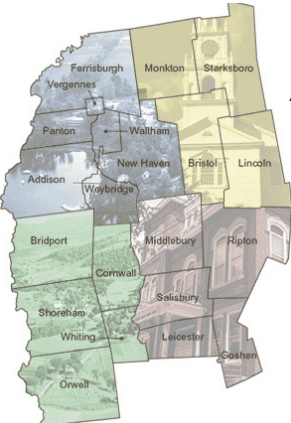
Work updates and press releases will be issued and distributed to various media sources and information will also be available on [www.roadworkupdates.com](http://www.roadworkupdates.com). If you have any questions or concerns about the project, before and during construction, please contact Francine Perkins, Project Outreach Coordinator, at 802-479-6994.

## Commission Calendar

May 2015

13	5:00pm	Full Commission Annual Mtg. Tourterelle Restaurant, New Haven
20	7:00pm	TAC Mtg.
21	7:00pm	Addison County MSWD Mtg.
27	6:30pm	Executive Board Mtg.

Meetings are held at ACRPC, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, and are open to the public.



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# News/Grants

## **ACRPC Publishes Two Middlebury Bike/Ped Project RFQs for Engineering & Design Services**

The Town of Middlebury has VTrans grant funding to complete two bike/ped design and construction projects for the installation of sidewalk along Exchange Street and Seymour Street/Pulp Mill Bridge Road, respectively. Accordingly, the Town is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from qualified consulting teams to work with the Municipal Project Manager to develop scoping designs, hold public hearings, secure rights of way and permits, and create engineering plans to bid and construct the proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Proposals must be received by Friday, May 22nd, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Full RFQs are available here: <http://acrpc.org/grants/>; please call 388-3141 with any questions.

## **Transportation Survey**

The University of Vermont, in collaboration with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Vermont Statewide Independent Living Council, is conducting a survey to assess the transportation needs of Vermonters who have physical conditions that limit their mobility.

This survey focuses on learning how people in Vermont with varying physical abilities get around outside of their homes to travel locally. By learning from people with physical disabilities about their everyday travel needs, we hope that this work will help decision-makers improve transportation services.

Your involvement in this survey is important! To participate or learn more, please click on this link: <https://survey.uvm.edu/index.php/187282/lang-en>

## **2015 Vermont Better Backroads Grant Applications**

The Vermont Better Backroads Program is pleased to announce the 18th year of funding to support projects on town or private roads that improve water quality and result in maintenance cost savings. The grant

funds are provided by VTrans and ANR. The Program's goal is to promote the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing Vermont's lakes and streams. Funds, which are subject to availability, will be distributed as small grants to municipalities and local organizations to address town or private road erosion problems.

All applications are due by 5:00pm on Friday, May 15th. Grant applications can be downloaded here: <http://vtransengineering.vermont.gov/bureaus/mab/better-back-roads>.

## **Failed On-site Wastewater Systems Funding Opportunity**

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources has announced a new funding opportunity that it is providing for the repair and/or replacement of failed on-site wastewater systems and potable water supplies. The Vermont Wastewater & Potable Water Revolving Loan

Fund (a.k.a. the On-site Loan Program) was authorized by the Vermont Legislature in 2012 and is approaching its second full year of operation. Low interest loans are currently available to assist homeowners.

### **Program Eligibility:**

- The wastewater system or potable (drinking) water supply has been confirmed to be a failed system
- The failed system must serve only one single family residence on its own lot
- Loan recipient must reside in the residence on a year-round basis
- Gross household income of the loan recipient must be equal to or less than 200% of the state median household income (approximately \$130,000 for 2015)
- Recipient has been denied financing for the repair or replacement of the failed system by at least one financing entity

### **How to Apply**

- Obtain potable water and wastewater construc-

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tion permit from the State Regional Office serving your area (see here: <http://drinkingwater.vt.gov/poregionaloffices.htm#romap>)

- Complete the pre-qualification application (available here: <http://files.ctctcdn.com/a2bee447101/34b909de-ed5c-430e-bba8-bc5ef48a3b6b.pdf>)
- Obtain a minimum of two construction bids for the project
- Complete the loan application through the Program's contracted lender, Opportunities Credit Union (<https://www.oppsvt.org/contact/>)

Additional information about the program can be found here: <http://drinkingwater.vt.gov/dwsrf/pdf/onsiteloanfinalfaqs.8.11.14.pdf>. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Redmond at (802) 585-4900 or [bryan.redmond@state.vt.us](mailto:bryan.redmond@state.vt.us).

## **VTrans opens 2015 Bicycle and Pedestrian Program for Local Projects**

To show its continued support for bicycling and walking, VTrans has issued a solicitation for new bicycle and pedestrian projects. The intent of the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program is to improve access and safety for bicyclists and/or pedestrians through the planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects. For a link to the VTrans 2015 Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Guide and Application, visit the VTrans website: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/>, and look under the Spotlight heading. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications electronically, but they may submit hard copies. Either must be received, post-marked or in hand by Friday July 17, 2015 at 1:00pm.

Applicants to the Bike/Ped Program are strongly encouraged to attend one of two workshops that will be provided via a webinar. The workshops are offered on either Wednesday May 27, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM or Thursday, May 28, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The webinar may be accessed from [vtrans.webex.com](http://vtrans.webex.com). Reservations are not required.

For any questions about this year's Bicycle and Pedestrian program or other VTrans initiatives related to bicycling and walking, contact Jon Kaplan, VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, at 802-828-0059 or [jon.kaplan@state.vt.us](mailto:jon.kaplan@state.vt.us).

## **Save the Date! 2015 VCDA Spring Conference**

The Vermont Community Development Association will be hosting its annual Spring Conference on Thursday, May 14th, 2015, from 9:00am-3:00pm at The Lyons Den in Randolph. The theme of this year's conference is "Age-Friendly Communities: Possibilities, Challenges, and Social & Economic Benefits." Workshops include: (1) Senior Developments-approaches and lessons learned: case studies from around Vermont, (2) Aging in Place-Enabling seniors to remain vital members of the existing community, and (3) Age-Friendly Development-"Complete Streets" and other design elements needed to create a physical environment accessible to all. Contact Theresa Bachand at VLCT for more information at (802) 229-9111 or [tbachand@vlct.org](mailto:tbachand@vlct.org).

## **Vermont DEMHS Training Opportunities**

The Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) has updated its training bulletin with the latest training opportunities and helpful tips on registering for courses. DEMHS provides these trainings at no cost. Please refer to the training/exercise calendar for additional course information, locations and any prerequisites here: <http://vem.vermont.gov/event>.

Upcoming trainings in or close to the Addison County region are as follows:

May 14th – Social Media for Disaster Response & Recovery, Waterbury, 8:00am-4:00pm

May 19th & 21st – ICS 200: Incident Command System for Single Resources & Initial Action Incidents, Bristol, 6:30-9:30pm both days

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June 15th – ICS 100: Intro to the Incident Command System, Pittsford, 8:00am-5:00pm

June 24th & 25th – Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program, Waterbury, 8:00am-5:00pm both days

Feel free to contact Kimberly Cruickshank, Homeland Security Training Coordinator, at [Kimberly.Cruickshank@state.vt.us](mailto:Kimberly.Cruickshank@state.vt.us) with any questions or concerns.

## **Safety Matters!—VT Local Roads Workshop**

The Vermont Local Roads Program is offering a new workshop titled “Safety Matters.” The workshop is over two days, is five hours per day and will cover various techniques on how to identify, control and communicate safety hazards. The primary learning objective will be to establish a strong foundation in safe working habits with an emphasis on recognition of potential hazards and control of those hazards.

Workshop dates are as follows:

May 11th & 12th – Stowe Fire Department

June 2nd & 3rd – Middlebury Ilsley Library

June 9th & 10th – Wilmington Town Garage

Register online at [www.vermontlocalroads.org](http://www.vermontlocalroads.org)

## **VLCT Upcoming Municipal Assistance Center Workshops**

May 12th-Effective Property Tax Appeals Workshop, Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee (5th) & Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, Montpelier (12th)

May 20th-Delinquent Tax Collectors Workshop, Three Stallion Inn, Randolph

May 27th & 30th-Town Health Officers Workshop, Best Western Windjammer Inn and Conference Center, South Burlington (27th) & Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, Montpelier