



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ACRPC

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commission calendar

OCTOBER	6	7:00 p.m. ACRPC Natural Resources Committee Location: ACRPC Office
	8	7:30 p.m. ACRPC Full Commission Meeting Location: Monkton Fire Station
	14	7:00 p.m. Economic Committee Location: ACRPC Office
	15	3:30 p.m. Upper Otter Creek Watershed Council Location: Smokey House, Danby
	15	7:00 p.m. Transportation Advisory Committee Location: ACRPC Office
	20	7:00 p.m. Utilities, Facilities & Services Comm. Location: ACRPC Office Agenda: Energy
	21	6:30 p.m. GMNF Planning Meeting Location: Holley Hall, Bristol
	22	8:30 a.m. Child Care Forum Location: Kirk Alumni, Middlebury Coll.
	29	7:00 p.m. ACRPC Executive Board Meeting Location: ACRPC Office
NOVEMBER	5	8:30 a.m. MOMS Conference Location: Holiday Inn, Rutland
	14	7:00 p.m. Economic Committee Location: ACRPC Office
	12	7:30 p.m. ACRPC Full Commission Meeting Location: Kirk Alumni, Middlebury Coll.
	17	7:00 p.m. Utilities, Facilities & Services Comm. Location: ACRPC Office Agenda: Telecommunications
	19	7:00 p.m. Transportation Advisory Committee Location: ACRPC Office
	26	7:00 p.m. ACRPC Executive Board Meeting Location: ACRPC Office

Upcoming Training for Local Planners

The annual Municipal Officers Management Seminars (MOMS) will be held in October and November. There are three dates and locations: October 9 in Johnson, the 14th in Fairlee and November 5 in Rutland.

There will be a variety of workshop topics including municipal website development, planning for village centers, enforcing local regulations and grantwriting.

Preregistration is required. Brochures and registration forms are available online at <http://crs.uvm.edu/moms>. For more information contact Mary Peabody, (802) 233-2389 or mary.peabody@uvm.edu.

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) will be holding another series of planning and zoning workshops for local officials. This year's workshops will cover a range of current issues facing planning and zoning officials such as wind power, agricultural uses, childcare and natural resources.

For more information contact VLCT at (800) 649-7915 or ACRPC at (802) 388-3141.

Downtown Conference

The annual Vermont Downtown Program Conference is scheduled for October 30, 2003 at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier. The agenda has been expanded this year, with 12 separate sessions on business development, public and private improvements, and marketing/promotions for downtown revitalization.

Preregistration is required, and more information and registration materials are available online at www.HistoricVermont.org. If you need more information, or would like a registration brochure mailed to you, call the Vermont Downtown Program at 828-3211 or e-mail Debra.Sayers@state.vt.us



Meetings are open to the public.
Minutes are available on-line at www.acrpc.org.
For further information, contact ACRPC at 388-3141.

Joint SERC/LEPC Meeting

The Addison County Emergency Planning Committee will host the State Emergency Response Commission's second joint SERC/LEPC meeting of the year on October 15 at Kirk Alumni Center.

Billed as a way to get emergency planners from around the state together in one room to share their knowledge with their peers, the highlight of this meeting will be emergency operations planning and how to develop a statewide approach.

Speakers from the Homeland Security Unit of the Vermont State Police and staff from Vermont Emergency Management will update attending members from each of the state's 13 LEPC districts.

IP Mill, Ticonderoga NY

The International Paper (IP) Company has proposed to conduct a trial of Tire-Derived-Fuel (TDF) in its power boiler for up to 20 days. The trial is tentatively scheduled to begin on October 1 and will conclude with air pollution stack emission testing during the week of October 27.

A copy of IP's proposal is available for review at the Middlebury Town Office. For further information contact Douglas Elliott, Environmental Analyst at the VT Agency of Natural Resources Air Pollution Division, (802) 241-3845.

GMNF Plan Meetings

The final meeting to discuss the Forest Plan revision for the Green Mountain National Forest will be held October 21. The topic of discussion will be vegetation and timber management.

October's meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Holley Hall in Bristol, refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact Melissa Reichert at (802) 747-6754 or gmflplanrevision@fs.fed.us.

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Public Transit and Economic Development Regional Transportation Public Meeting

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) is in the process of evaluating public transportation needs and opportunities in Vermont. They are seeking input on how public transportation is linked to economic development, job creation and land-use planning.

VTrans has released a draft plan entitled "Vermont Public Transit Overview" addressing transit service coordination and how it relates to the broader transportation system and various funding mechanisms. Copies are available at www.aot.state.vt.us/planning/planning.htm or by contacting Garrett Dague at 388-3141.

VTrans, in coordination with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Addison and Rutland Regional Planning Commissions, will be hosting a public meeting to generate discussion and input on

how to create a seamless public transportation network that will support a vigorous economy. The meeting will be held on October 23 at 6 p.m. at the Otter Valley Union High School in Brandon.

This meeting will also be an opportunity to discuss any transportation-related issues or concerns affecting your communities with VTrans Secretary Patricia McDonald and other VTrans officials.

Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) will be providing public transportation to and from the meeting. Please contact Garrett Dague at 388-3141 by October 17, 2003 to reserve your seat on the bus and for scheduling information.

The questions below have been provided to aid in the meeting discussion.

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1. Should Vermont invest funding in transit services that would connect regions of the State seamlessly?
 2. Should commuter services be a priority in Vermont's funding for transit?
 3. Should economic benefit to the State be a determining factor in funding services?
 4. Would it be beneficial to users if Vermont's public transit vehicles had a common way of identifying them so it was obvious that they were open to the general public?
 5. What ways could public transit be changed to better serve Vermonters?
 6. How could publicly funded transportation services (human service transportation, public transit service, school bus transportation) work together to become more efficient?
 7. Are the connections for public transportation working effectively to provide alternative transportation to get to jobs?
 8. What is the most effective mix of public and private investment in transit to serve our labor market areas?
 9. Is there a connection between investments that will preserve or improve the infrastructure to move commodities or finished goods and the public transportation infrastructure?
 10. How well do the public transportation connections serve our downtowns and village centers?
 11. What should we be doing to encourage transit-oriented development, including housing, close to those public transportation connections?
 12. Have we made an adequate investment in our airports to support economic development?
 13. Do other aspects of the transportation infrastructure need to be improved to support business/industrial growth, such as roads and rail?
 14. How does the planning effort fit into our plans for growth?

There are approximately 550 households in the Addison Region that do not own a vehicle. Around 210 of those households are headed by a working-age person. The remaining 340 are headed by someone age 65 or more, 13 percent of elderly households in the region.

Approximately 1,300 people in the region or 11 percent carpooled to work in 2000. That is a decrease from 2,700 or 22 percent in 1980.

According to the Census in 2000, only 38 people in the region used public transit to travel to work.