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Transportation Board Schedules Six Public Hearings

MONTPELIER – The Vermont Transportation Board this fall will hold six public hearings at various locations around the state for the purpose of gathering public comment about transportation-related issues that face the State of Vermont.

Working with the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) as well as the state's 11 Regional Planning Commissions, the Board identified six transportation topics on which it would like public input. While these six topics will be discussed at every hearing, time also will be provided for Vermonters to broach any additional transportation topic they wish.

“The Transportation Board each year travels around the state to meet with Vermonters and discuss important transportation issues,” said Maurice Germain, Chairman of the Transportation Board. “We have identified specific topics that are timely and currently under discussion within VTrans and at the Legislature. But we also want people to let us know whatever is on their minds.”

These six topics are:

- Transportation Revenues and Energy
- Bike & Pedestrian Issues
- The Future of Both Freight and Passenger Rail Services
- Park & Ride Expansion
- Roadway Safety
- Public Transit – Intercity Service and Service for the Elderly

At each hearing, the Board will present background information regarding each topic to set the stage for discussion and comment. Following the hearings, the Board will submit a written report to both VTrans and the Vermont Legislature. The Board also will post the report on its website.

Public hearings will be held on the following dates:

1. **October 16** in Springfield at 6 p.m. at the Springfield Town Hall, Third Floor Selectman's Meeting Room, 96 Main Street, Springfield, VT.
2. **October 22** in Bennington at 6 p.m. at the Bennington Fire House, Second Floor Meeting Room, 130 River Street, Bennington, VT.
3. **October 23** in Morristown at 6 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room at the Morrisville Town Office Building, 43 Portland Street, Morrisville, VT.
4. **October 30** in Newport at 6 p.m. at the Gateway Center, 84 Fyfe Drive in Newport, VT.



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5. **November 14** in St. Albans at 6 p.m. at the Green Mountain Room of the LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 813 Fairfax Road, St. Albans, VT.
6. **November 20** in Middlebury at 6 p.m. at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Offices at 14 Seminary Street in Middlebury, VT.

“These locations were chosen with the help of the state’s Regional Planning Commissions,” Mr. Germain said. “Each year, the Board changes the locations to provide as much geographic diversity as possible.”

People who cannot attend a hearing can submit written comment by visiting the Board’s website at <http://tboard.vermont.gov/>.

The upcoming hearings are being conducted according to Title 19 V.S.A. § 5(d)(8), which charges the Transportation Board to work together with the Agency of Transportation to hold public hearings “for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the development of state transportation policy, the mission of the Agency, and state transportation planning, capital programming and program implementation.”

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