

Transportation Task Group Meeting – 6.13.22

Present: Jared Duval (EAN), Johanna Miller (VNRC), Sebbi Wu (VPIRG), Philip Picotte (PSD), Megan O'Toole (DEC), Gina Campoli (AOT), Cara Robeck (EAN), Amanda Carlson (Capstone), Jordan Giaconia (VBSR), Greta Hasler (VNRC), Rachel Stevens, Dierdra Ritzer

Agenda

- [Amanda Carlson](#), [Jordan Giaconia](#), [Cara Robeck](#) – joining from EAN Clean Transportation Equity Network Action Team
- Gathering input from Vermonters on various clean transportation initiatives
- This Network Action Team has gone through various iterations, including benefits and beneficiaries of TCI-P
- Moved toward more of a focus group model, assessing barriers and challenges to accessing clean transportation options
- Opting for community re-granting model – resourcing local orgs already doing justice-oriented work across VT, driving at equity questions re: transportation
 - 8 different, diverse groups that will be leading 10 person focus groups – CVOEO, Old Spokes Home, Capstone, CVCOA, Rights & Democracy, Lamoille Community House, St. Johnsbury Community Hub, VCIL
- How is this work complimentary to Climate Council
 - Want to vet and finalize set of driving questions from Network Action Team
- Report coming back from focus groups to Network Action Team in August
- Any further ideas can be sent directly to Amanda and/or Jordan

Group Suggestions to Driving Questions:

- Adding a background demographics question about if person is responsible for providing transportation to anyone else?
- Addition of a question about dollars spent on fuel costs, has their mode of transportation changed because of expense of fuel in the past 6 months?
- What are their transportation challenges? Do they have knowledge of transportation alternatives? Have they thought about reducing their vehicle miles traveled?
- What are your transportation challenges now, and how has covid/increasing gas process changed that?
- Explain the goal of transportation emissions reduction, and ask the question of how we get there?
- Question on ACC rulemaking?
 - Public feedback can't be on stringency or substance of rule, but could ask that by acknowledging by 2035 only zero emission NEW vehicles will be for sale. What can we do to prepare you for that happening, what complimentary policies will be needed to aid in that transition over the next 13 or less years?
- Vermont's transportation system is going to change over the coming decade(s). In 10 years, what is your preferred mode of transportation and the obstacles to attaining that vision?
 - Amanda: Micro transit pilots happening statewide, thinking about getting input from Vermonters on using rural uber service if affordable/safe ?

Rule-making on ACC II/ACT:

- Megan and Rachel working this week to develop public engagement framework, joining Just Transitions Subcommittee meeting
- Finalizing rulemaking before sending to ICAR
- Rachel working on a timeline & resource document for public engagement – reviewing to make sure that proposal is informed by proper resources/best practices
 - Also going to propose some areas/communities with most significant exposure to climate change impacts – this is high priority for the next 2 weeks
 - Any resources to consider, please send to Rachel and Megan
 - Virtual and in-person meetings
- Not sharing a full draft but moving quickly and can share what they have

Technical Analysis and Next Steps:

- AOT and ANR finding funding?
- Andrea Wright leading redevelopment of Transportation Analysis RFP via Scope of Work to meet carbon reduction that VTrans is required to do for ARPA funding for carbon reduction
- Draft based on original transportation analysis RFP to get funding for that work
- Any questions or comments about the public engagement planning or the rules – send to Rachel.stevens@vermont.gov

Any other relevant updates to share?

- Chris Campany: Megan will be presenting Transportation CAP aspects to Thurs. Transportation Planners meeting
- Joe Seagle leaving AOT – Michele Boomhower will be involved in filling that gap