PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR TRANSIT IN VERMONT

It takes time but we eventually get there
Who we are:

- Vermont is a small state with:
  - 627,000 people
  - a land mass of 9,616 square miles
  - population density – 68/sq. mile.
Small means...an easier way to test ideas

- On the highway side:
  - VTrans established design standards that account for the need for transit stops and downtown development
  - Link transit development with biking lanes and pedestrian paths
  - Link landuse to walking and transit
  - Consider transit early in the design of highways and associated development

- Vermont Psychiatric Center
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• On the transit side:
  • Combine housing and transit where possible

• Montpelier Transit Center
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  - Combine park and rides with transit wherever possible

- Rockingham Park and Ride
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  • Invest in connected intercity transit to reduce congestion and emissions (BTV airport)

• Greyhound (Boston – Montreal)
VT Translines

Vermont Shires Connector, Albany, NY Train Station (also bus & airport)

Burlington to Albany Bus Terminal
Measure, Measure, Measure

• Support the identified needs through planning and measuring
• Each year, VTrans (Vermont’s Agency of Transportation) measures each route’s performance to determine when to invest more, when to stop and when to change

**Figure 2: Total Ridership**

- **FY 2018**: 4,742,202
- **FY 2017**: 4,687,076
- **FY 2016**: 4,711,693
- **FY 2015**: 5,029,130
- **FY 2014**: 4,853,733
We offer the spectrum

VTrans supports services from

• Intercity coach service
• Express Commuter service by coach
• Rural Commuter service
• Demand Response by Bus
• Demand Response by volunteer
• Vanpooling/Carpooling
The most practical thing that Vermont does is divides the state by regions and delivers coordinated service through those providers.

For a state that small, it only makes sense, there are no barriers to crossing regions to reach destinations.

The providers coordinate with each other and offer some commuter routes together.

The VTrans technical support offers consistent scheduling software, trip planners and real time bus arrivals statewide.