

# Why Should We Care About Roads?



**VTrans works with communities to make decisions that benefit you and future generations.**



# Because Caring About Roads Makes Vermont Better



Then

Built new highways. Fixed the worst roads and bridges with low priority on maintenance.

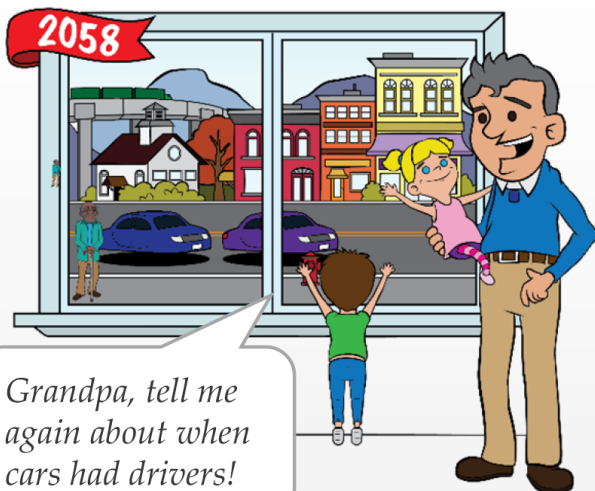
If there had been more focus on the whole transportation system rather than just stretches of road, Vermont could have saved a lot of money!



Now

**Transportation asset management** helps VTrans invest efficiently in a mix of maintenance and other projects.

This focus provides choices that improve mobility and connectivity, safety, economic access, resiliency, communities, environment, and health access.



*Grandpa, tell me again about when cars had drivers!*

Future

**Transportation asset management** helps Vermont be prepared to meet transportation goals and needs in a rapidly changing world.

This focus will help VTrans engage even more with you and your community's needs and vision.

# Transportation Asset Management is Like Taking Care of Your Roof



VTrans chooses the right work on the right asset at the right time.

Assets are the physical elements of a safe, efficient transportation system, including pavements (road, sidewalk, and multiuse trail), bridges, transit, signs, signals, etc.

Vermont only has 67% of funds it needs to maintain its transportation system in desired condition, so asset management is an essential element of taking care of what we have.

## How Does VTans Use Asset Management?

### Squeeze out Value

- Preventive maintenance
- Invest precisely
- Prepare for future generations

### Manage Risks

- Inadequate funding
- Aging population
- Climate change

### Plan for the Life of a Road

- Planning and budgeting
- Design
- Construction
- Maintenance, then eventual renewal

### Optimize Funding Across Assets

- Roads and bridges
- Bicyclist and pedestrian facilities
- Public transit
- Rail and aviation

*VTrans fixes roads the same way you may fix your house...a little preventive maintenance now will save a lot of money later.*

*\$1 of preventive road maintenance can delay spending \$6 to \$10 on new construction!*





# Get Involved

- You can shape the future of how Vermont will balance enhancing the transportation system, taking care of what it has, or thoughtfully reducing the amount of assets it maintains. Engage with your select board, town staff, regional planning commission, legislators, or neighbors.
- Gain more perspective by traveling in a way different for you: by foot, bicycle, bus, or train.

## Learn More

### Vision

- *Long-Range Transportation Plan*

### Strategy

- *Strategic Plan*

### Transportation Asset Management

- *Plan*
- *Practitioners' Guide*

### Capital Improvements

- *Transportation Program*

### Where to Access Information

- Documents: [vtrans.vermont.gov/docs](https://vtrans.vermont.gov/docs)
- Asset and project information: [vtrans.vermont.gov/vtransparency](https://vtrans.vermont.gov/vtransparency)



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