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Agency of Transportation to Hold Virtual Public Meeting for State's Carbon Reduction Strategy

Barre, VT – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) invites the public to participate in the first set of virtual public meetings for the State's Carbon Reduction Strategy on Thursday, March 23, 2023. The meetings will be held at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Links to the two sessions will be posted on the project website <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/form/carbon-reduction-strategy> the week of March 20, 2023.

The Agency is undertaking this initiative with two primary objectives. The first is to support meeting the State's requirements for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction, including a requirement for transportation to contribute 40 percent of the overall needed reduction of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. The second objective is to support federal requirements for each state to develop a Carbon Reduction Strategy pursuant to the [U.S. Department of Transportation Carbon Reduction Program](#) which provides dedicated funding for GHG-reducing transportation projects. This work includes outreach to the public and a series of focus groups, including business, freight, environmental, community, and equity-focused interests.

Attendees will learn more about the project, Vermont's transportation greenhouse gas emissions, and the process for developing the State's Carbon Reduction Strategy. Members of the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to the project team about how the Agency implements Carbon Reduction Program funding through its projects and programming, and what other strategies and policies the State might consider to reduce transportation carbon emissions most cost effectively and equitably. AOT values the public's input and encourages people to share their transportation experiences and stay involved throughout the development of the Carbon Reduction Strategy.

For more information about the Agency's Carbon Reduction Strategy, please visit <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/form/carbon-reduction-strategy>.

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