

**VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION
PARK & RIDE PROGRAM
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The VTrans P&R Program has evolved organically over the years, from what can be characterized as a demand-and-response effort to a more sophisticated program involving numerous Agency sections and external Agency partners, developing and operating 30 state-owned lots and assisting in the development of over 62 municipal lots. The majority of the state-owned lots are located in the I-89, I-91, and US 7 corridors. Municipal lots serve local needs, often filling in the gaps off of the main interstate and state route corridors.¹

The P&R Program has two distinct areas; one dealing with state owned and maintained park & ride facilities and the other focused on municipally owned and operated park & ride facilities.

The state program includes the selection and development of new state park & ride facilities, the assessment and upgrade of existing state owned facilities and the management of ancillary support activities, such as the web based statewide park & ride lot location map, coordination with transit providers and responding to inquiries regarding the park and ride lots from the travelling public.

There were no state park & ride construction projects substantially completed in 2016, however minor construction work continued on the new P&R lot in Putney which was substantially completed in 2015. Scoping, right-of-way and design work continued on several other state park & ride projects.

A survey of existing P&R lot lighting was conducted in 2016 and the Agency is working with Efficiency Vermont in the assessment and possible conversion to more energy efficient lighting such as LED's. This could result in reduced energy use and cost savings at several P&R locations.

In a cooperative effort with Washington Electric Cooperative a new electric vehicle (EV) charging station was installed at the existing state P&R lot in Middlesex.

Also in 2016 VTrans purchased the former "Charlebois" truck storage lot on US 7 (near Exit 16) in Colchester and is developing plans to have it converted to new park & ride lot in the near future (see below).

¹ Statewide Park-and-Ride Facilities Plan, December 2015



VTrans also manages a municipal P&R grant program, which typically has \$250,000 budgeted annually from the State Transportation Fund, at the discretion of the Legislature. One of the benefits of the Municipal P&R Program is the facilitation of lot development that removes congestion from state highways while not adding to VTrans' maintenance burden. Also, in that this program is "state" (only) funded, it removes the burden of local communities having to follow all the federal rules and regulations, which reduces costs and greatly shortens the project development timeline.

In June 2015, the Agency announced that it was soliciting for a new round of municipally managed projects for the 2016 program. The application deadline was at the end of August 2015. Five applications were submitted, however two were subsequently withdrawn, and the announcement of the awards was made in January 2016.

Project Awards (announced January 2016)

Panton ST PRDP(161)

\$40,000.00

Project is on Jersey Street in Panton, across the street from the Town Offices.

The project is for the construction of a 10 to 20 parking space Municipal Park-and-Ride Facility including grading, gravel, asphalt surface, line markings, signs, drainage, lighting and other amenities.

Rochester ST PRDP(162)

\$38,230.00

Project is on North Main Street (VT Route 100) on the north end of Rochester Village.

The project is for the construction of a 10 to 20 parking space Municipal Park-and-Ride Facility including grading, gravel, signs, lighting and other amenities.

Woodstock ST PRDP(163)

\$40,000.00

Project is to upgrade a previously funded Park-and-Ride Facility on US Route 4 in Woodstock Village with additional features including lighting, paving and a Level 2 EV charging station.

In addition to the selection of new municipal Park & Ride projects in 2016 there were two municipal Park & Ride projects that were substantially completed in 2016.

Projects Completed in 2016 (Municipal Projects)



Morrystown ST PRDP(154)

Grant Amount \$62,084

This project is located in the Town of Morrystown, on Richmond Street, near the intersection of VT Route 12 and VT Route 15A.

The work consisted of the construction of 26 parking spaces including asphalt surface, line markings, signs, drainage work, lighting and other amenities.



Swanton ST PRDP(155)

Grant Amount \$26,000

This project consists of the installation of two new Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at the existing municipal P&R lot in Swanton Village. Each station can charge two vehicles.

The Future

The announcement that the Agency would be accepting applications for the 2017 Park & Ride program hit the street in June 2016. Applications were due by August 31, 2016 and it is anticipated the announcement of the successful projects will occur in January 2017.