

2023 Transportation Summit

Thursday, October 12, 2023
8:00am - 5:00pm

UVM Davis Center
Burlington, Vermont

CATMA

The 2nd Annual CATMA Transportation Summit is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023 at the beautiful UVM Davis Center in Burlington, Vermont.

Transportation Means Business

The 2023 Transportation Summit focused on the role of equitable transportation in regional and state economic development, particularly relating to jobs and housing. This timely and important topic was discussed throughout the day.

Attendees learned from each other and explored ways to help our community members get to/ from work, services and activities while ensuring equitable, accessible, and sustainable mobility options are maintained and expanded. Attendees learned about transportation demand management and smart growth strategies that impact our workforce and community.

Working together was and is always the key!

Summit Guide

The following provides a glimpse into the 2023 summit. Including our gracious sponsors, summit program, details on our wonderful speakers and an overview of each session. All session were recorded and can be found on CATMA's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@catmavt>.

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TIME	PROGRAM			
8:00am - 4:00pm	Registration Open			
8:00am - 9:00am	Networking Breakfast & Exhibits			
9:00am - 9:15am	Welcome Remarks Charlie Baker (Chair CATMA BOD) and Sandy Thibault (ED)			
9:15am - 10:00am	Opening Keynote Michele Boomhower, Director of Policy, Planning & Intermodal Development, Vermont Agency of Transportation			
10:00am - 10:15am	Networking Break & Exhibits			
10:15am - 11:00am	General Session: Jobs, Housing & Vibrant Growth: Improving Transportation Connections Equitably Moderated by Kyle Dodson, CEO Greater Burlington YMCA Richard Amore, Plng & Outreach Mgr, Vt Dept of Housing & Community Development Lisa Groeneveld, Co-Founder & Vice Chair, OnLogic Megan Sullivan, VP Govt Affairs, Vt Chamber of Commerce			
11:00am - 11:15am	Networking Break & Exhibits			
11:15am - Noon	Interactive Breakout Discussion			
Noon - 12:15pm	Networking Break & Exhibits			
12:15pm - 1:00pm	Lunch			
1:00pm - 1:15pm	Networking Break & Exhibits			
AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS				
	Housing & Workforce <i>Jost Room</i>	Equity & Justice <i>Williams Room</i>	Smarth Growth Policy <i>Sugar Maple Ballroom</i>	Mobility Solutions <i>Chittenden Room</i>
1:15pm - 1:45pm	Employer TDM Perspective: All Earth Renewables David Blittersdorf <i>All Earth Renewables</i>	Environmental Justice & Transportation Yasamin Gordon <i>Opportunity Consulting</i>	Designing a Downtown: the Construction of South Burlington's City Center Jessie Baker <i>City of South Burlington</i>	Rethinking Green Mountain Transit Fares Clayton Clark Green Mountain Transit
1:45pm - 2:00pm	Networking Break & Exhibits			
2:00pm - 2:30pm	New Housing Policy & Transportation Impacts Charlie Baker <i>Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission</i>	Coping w/ High Fuel Prices in Small & Rural Communities Greg Rowangould <i>UVM Transportation Research Center</i>	UVM Comprehensive Sustainability Plan Abby Bleything & Elizabeth Palchec <i>University of Vermont</i>	Diving into the Microtransit TDM Strategy. Does it work in Vermont? Ross MacDonald <i>Vermont Agency of Transportation</i>
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Networking Break & Exhibits			
2:45pm - 3:15pm	Balancing Affordable Housing Transportation Needs & Social Equity Michael Monte <i>Champlain Housing Trust</i>	Equity & TDM: Real Talk Transportation Margaret Bass <i>DEI Real Talk Consulting</i>	Evolving for Economic Resilience and Connectivity: Digging Deep in the Planner's Toolbox to transform from big box shopping to a connected mixed-use Town Center. Matt Boulanger <i>Town of Williston</i>	Vanpooling Works Leslie McNeice <i>Global Foundries</i>
3:15pm - 3:30pm	Networking Break & Exhibits			
3:30pm - 4:15pm	Legislative Panel Moderated by Charlie Baker, Executive Director CCRCP Senator Chittenden, Senator Kesha Ram, Rep Kate Lalley, Rep Emilie Krasnow Reflect on the day, observations from their positions, opptys facing vt across these areas.			
4:15pm - 4:30pm	Closing Remarks			

Keynotes

Michele Boomhower

Michele serves as the Division Director of Policy, Planning & Intermodal Development for the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), where she oversees Policy, Planning, Permitting, Research, Mapping, Sustainability Implementation (EVs), Environmental Policy, Aviation, Rail, Public Transit, and Public Outreach; a Division of 80 staff with a budget \$100 million. She is the key Agency point person in the Vermont legislature leading the development of the agenda and coordination of both state and federal transportation policy. Michele serves as the Agency's representative to the AASHTO Transportation Policy Forum and the Vermont Climate Council. Michele's nearly 30-year career has focused on public service including executive positions in regional and metropolitan transportation planning prior to joining VTrans in 2015. Her passion is working to dismantle and redevelop systems to successfully improve lives and increase opportunities for marginalized communities.

Legislative Panel

Senator Kesha Ram Hinsdale, Senator Thomas Chittenden, Representative Emilie Krasnow, Representative Kate Lalley

Hear from a panel of local legislators reflecting on the day from their positions about Vermont's transportation opportunities. Moderated by Charlie Baker, Executive Director, CCRPC

General Session Speakers

Kyle Dodson (*General Session Facilitator*) ***CEO/President of Greater Burlington YMCA (GBYMCA)***

Kyle Dodson is currently the CEO/President of the Greater Burlington YMCA (GBYMCA). Prior to that he was a Fixed Income trader, a College Administrator, and the founding Principal of a Charter Early Childhood/Elementary school in Dorchester, MA

Beyond his professional connections to the community, Dodson has been deeply engaged in several organizations, including current or past service as a Corporator and then a trustee for Northfield Savings Bank, on the Burlington School Board, the ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain Board of Directors, The Conservation Law Foundation, and in his role as Co-Chair of the City of Burlington's Ad Hoc Committee for Diversity & Equity.

Adding to his strong professional and community background, Dodson has earned an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Vermont, an MBA in Finance and Management from Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Harvard University.

Lisa Groeneveld ***Co-owner & Vice Chair of the Board at OnLogic***

After a decade in Telecom sales in the US and Europe, Lisa Groeneveld returned to her native Vermont in 2003. She co-founded OnLogic which specializes in industrial computer hardware design and manufacturing.

Lisa has guided the company's strategic growth of nearly 25% year over year through her strong international business, sales and technology background. Together with husband and co-founder Roland, she has expanded OnLogic's international efforts to develop in-house engineering, integrating the latest and most requested industrial IoT technologies. OnLogic ensures a seamless fit into complex client solutions. Today the company provides computing power for some of the world's most well known businesses.

She currently serves on the Intel Channel Board of Advisors, Mascoma Bank Board of Directors, The Center for Women & Enterprise Board of Directors and the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies Board of Directors. Lisa holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Northeastern University.

Richard Amore

Planning and Outreach Manager at Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development

Richard Amore is a landscape architect, urban planner, and community builder who blends his experience in community development, landscape architecture, and placemaking to spark revitalization of Vermont's downtowns and village centers. He serves as planning and outreach manager for the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development where he works with downtowns and villages across Vermont and helps them plan and build prosperous, walkable, and inclusive communities.

Megan Sullivan

VP of Government Affairs at the Vermont Chamber of Commerce

Megan Sullivan is the Vice President of Government Affairs at the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the largest statewide business organization in Vermont. In this role Megan leads the organization's four-person advocacy team in a dedicated mission of advancing the Vermont economy. Megan came to the Vermont Chamber from her position as Executive Director of the Vermont Economic Progress Council, overseeing the State's business incentives and statewide tax increment financing program. Prior to that, she worked as the business liaison for U.S. Senator (then a Congressman) Peter Welch. Megan lives in Jericho with her husband and two kids.

Session Presenters

Charlie Baker

Executive Director at Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

Charlie has over 25 years' experience as a transportation and land use planner and organization leader. Charlie has served as the Executive Director of the CCRPC since June 2008. Under Charlie's direction, CCRPC is working with Housing Vermont and Champlain Housing Trust in leading the Building Homes Together Campaign. CCRPC also recently updated the sustainability plan for the region (ECOS Plan) with a focus on the areas of energy, transportation, and the economy and in working with the State and member municipalities on water quality projects.

Prior to joining the CCRPC, Charlie was the General Manager for New Castle County's Department of Land Use from 2001-2008 and NCC's Planning Manager in 2000. Previous positions include work with two other metropolitan planning organizations (Wilmington Area Planning Council (DE/MD) and Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (PA/NJ)); Burlington County, NJ County Engineer's Office; and, the Cross County Connection Transportation Management Association in Marlton, NJ. He holds a bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Cornell University and did graduate work at both Cornell University and Rutgers University.

He currently serves on a number of boards including Housing Vermont since 2013 and was elected to the position of Assistant Treasurer for the current term, Opportunities Credit Union, Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation, Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies, Vermont Rail Council, Chittenden County Opioid Alliance, Chittenden County Public Safety Authority, National Association of Development Organizations, and University of Vermont Medical Center's Community Health Investment Committee.

Michael Monte
CEO at Champlain Housing Trust

Michael is Champlain Housing Trust's Chief Executive Officer having joined the leadership team in December 2007 and being appointed CEO in January 2021. He has over 40 years of community and economic development experience both at the non-profit and municipal level. He worked at Burlington's Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO) from its creation and was its longest serving Director. Prior to CEDO, he was employed as Executive Director for several non-profit organizations including the King Street Center.

He serves on the Board of the National NeighborWorks Association, the Grounded Solutions Network and leads the CEO forum of the Housing Partnership Network. He is the Chair of HPIlex, a national insurance captive that provides workers comp, health care and property and liability insurance to members of the Housing partnership Network. Michael is a recipient of the Con Hogan Award for Creative, Entrepreneurial, Community Leadership and has been recognized for his work by the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board with the Mollie Beattie award. Michael is a graduate of Achieving Excellence, a leadership program of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and NeighborWorks America. He holds a BA degree from Goddard College.

David Blittersdorf
President and CEO of All Earth Renewables

David Blittersdorf is an entrepreneur and trained engineer with more than three decades of experience in the renewable energy industry. In 1982, he founded NRG Systems and grew the company into an internationally recognized leader in wind measurement technology. Believing that he could do more to help transition the U.S. energy economy away from fossil fuels, David stepped down as CEO of NRG Systems in 2004 in order to found another company, AllEarth Renewables, as a business dedicated to the development, manufacture and deployment renewable energy systems, most notably dual-axis solar trackers.

In 2017, he set out to tackle another renewable energy challenge – transportation. Founding AllEarth Rail, a passenger railroad equipment company based in Vermont, his goal is to develop a carbon-free commuter rail service in the state.

David holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Vermont, and an honorary PhD from Wentworth Institute of Technology. He also serves on the boards of several energy-focused institutions at the national and state levels, including the Post Carbon Institute, Union of Concerned Scientists, NetZero Vermont, and Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility.

Senator Keshia Ram Hinsdale
Chittenden-Southeast District, Vermont State Senate

KESHA RAM HINSDALE is the first woman of color to serve in the State Senate, and is chair of the Senate Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs Committee. She also sits on the Senate Finance Committee and the Joint Justice Oversight Committee. She received a BS in natural resource planning and a BA in political science from the University of Vermont in 2008. She served in the Vermont House of Representatives on behalf of Burlington, Chittenden District 6-4, from 2008 to 2016, where she sat on the House General, Housing and Military Affairs, and Ways and Means Committees, and served as vice chair of the House Natural Resources & Energy Committee. Keshia earned her Master of Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 2018. When not in the legislature, Keshia teaches Structural Inequality and Environmental Justice at Vermont Law & Graduate School. She has also served as co-chair of the Vermont Attorney General's Immigration Task Force and as a member of the boards of Emerge Vermont, the Main Street Alliance of Vermont, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, the Regenerative Food Network, and the Vermont Natural Resources Council. Keshia lives with her husband, Jacob Hinsdale, and their new baby Mira in Shelburne, Vermont.

Dr. Greg Rowangould
Associate Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering and Director at UVM Transportation Research Center

Dr. Gregory Rowangould is the Director of the Transportation Research Center and an Associate Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Vermont. He specializes in modeling transportation systems, transportation policy evaluation and mobile source air quality analysis. His research focuses on understanding how the design and operation of transportation systems and transportation policy affect the sustainability of

communities, public health, and equity. Since moving to Vermont, he has focused greater attention on the transportation needs of smaller cities and rural communities where there are unique challenges to sustainability and economic development. Dr. Rowangould is also a member of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies standing committee on Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation. Dr. Rowangould holds a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Davis, a MS in Resource Economics and Policy from the University of Maine, and a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Maine.

Margaret Bass

Principal Owner at DEI Real Talk Consulting

Margaret is a retired English Professor who taught at Vanderbilt University, University of Iowa and retired from Saint Lawrence University. She holds and Masters of Education from Ole Miss (University of Mississippi) and a Ph.D. from LSU (Louisiana State University). She is committed to and passionate about social justice for all groups on the margins and has held DEI positions at several institutions.

Margaret (she/her) is a Queer, African American, Senior Citizen who has been in Vermont for seven years but calls Mississippi home.

Jessie Baker

City Manager at the City of South Burlington

Jessie Baker serves as the City Manager of South Burlington, Vermont. Prior to serving in South Burlington, she served as Winooski's City Manager. She has held municipal management positions with the City of Somerville, Massachusetts and the City of Montpelier, Vermont. She holds an undergraduate degree in psychology and anthropology from Columbia University and a master's degree in planning and policy from Tufts University. Jessie sits on the boards of Champlain Housing Trust and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

Elizabeth Palchak

Director of the Office of Sustainability at the University of Vermont

Elizabeth leads the Office of Sustainability at UVM, directing the implementation of the University's first Comprehensive Sustainability Plan, with a focus on reducing UVM's greenhouse gas emissions. Prior to taking this role, she was a senior consultant at VEIC and worked across the country to design and implement demand side energy management programs. She also helped to launch the Energy Equity Project. She did her PhD at UVM and was a co-author on the first Vermont Climate Assessment and sits on the Data and Science Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council. Her background includes time as a mountain instructor with NOLS and stints as a faculty member at a small college in New Hampshire, a graduate program in Wyoming and a law school in Vermont. Away from work, she loves trail running, backcountry skiing and anything with her husband and daughter.

Abby Bleything

Sustainable Transportation Program Manager at the University of Vermont

Abby Bleything is the Sustainable Transportation Program Manager at the University of Vermont. In this role, she leads the overall strategy, administration and expansion of the Active Transportation Plan and existing Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs while overseeing implementation of new alternative transportation initiatives. Previous to this role, Abby served as the Vermont's Clean Cities Coordinator, managing a state coalition and portfolio of activities designed to decrease the use of petroleum in the transportation sector. Abby has worked in the transportation demand management (TDM) field for 11 years, with an additional 2 years working on sustainable community development projects. She is the current President of the New England Chapter of the Association for Commute Transportation. Abby holds a Master of Science degree in Urban Policy Studies, is a Certified Planner (AICP), a TDM Certified Professional (TDM-CP), a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP), and a Certified Instructor for the Safe Routes to School National Course.

Matt Boulanger

Planning Director, Town of Williston

Matt Boulanger is the Planning Director for the Town of Williston, Vermont. Matt has worked for Williston since 2008 and has been the Planning Director since 2018. Matt holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from Saint Lawrence

University and a Master's in Sustainable Transportation from the University of Washington. Matt grew up in nearby Monkton and now lives in South Burlington with his wife and son. Matt is fascinated by the challenges facing Williston through its planning program, including how to meet demands for growth while achieving mobility, equity, affordability, and conservation goals.

Clayton Clark

General Manager of Green Mountain Transit

Clayton Clark has served as the General Manager of Green Mountain Transit since January 2023. Prior to that he served as a mission support officer in the United States Air Force, managed a variety of human services programs for the State of Vermont, and led a long-term care facility during the pandemic. He has a bachelor's degree in English from SUNY Binghamton and a master's degree in Government from Harvard University.

Ross MacDonald

Program Manager of Micro-transit at the Vermont Agency of Transportation

Ross started his career in State government after 12 years of working for international manufacturing companies. In 2004 he joined the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and contributed to land-use policies and Transportation Orientated Design projects. Ross and his family moved to Vermont in 2007 where he became a Public Transit Program Coordinator and created the successful Go! Vermont program for the Vermont Agency of Transportation. In December 2019, Ross was named the Public Transit Program Manager. The combination of business, environmental and transportation experience contributes to his understanding of transportation demand management (TDM) projects and opportunities. Ross was also named the 2018 "Rural Transit Champion" by the Transportation Research Board.

Leslie McNeice

Manager of Technical Training, Staffing, and Transportation at Global Foundries

Leslie McNeice has 28 years' experience in the manufacturing semi-conductor industry, starting with IBM in 1995 and continuing with GlobalFoundries (GF) as part of a divestiture in 2015. She began her career as an operator and worked her way into management.

For the past 22 years she has held management roles at the Essex Junction location, including multiple years as a 2nd line manager overseeing ~150 operators and 1st line managers. In 2018 Leslie proposed, created, and implemented a centralized manufacturing training team which supports over 500 operators and their managers. She completed her degree in business from Champlain College while working full-time, took a 1-year special assignment on a LEAN transformation team, and was the Ethics and Compliance site leader for 5 years. In 2022, Leslie lead a cross-functional team to establish and implement the first vanpool subsidy benefit program at GF's Vermont location.

Leslie is passionate about mentoring and has helped dozens of employees establish and achieve their career goals. She has received Leadership awards and CEO recognition for being among the top Essex Junction site managers for effectiveness and team engagement.

Legislative Panel

Senator Kesha Ram Hinsdale

Chittenden-Southeast District, Vermont State Senate

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Main Street Alliance of Vermont, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, the Regenerative Food Network, and the Vermont Natural Resources Council. Kesha lives with her husband, Jacob Hinsdale, and their new baby Mira in Shelburne, Vermont.

Senator Thomas Chittenden

Chittenden-Southeast District, Vermont State Senate

Thomas Ira Chittenden grew up in South Burlington, Vermont. Thomas has a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Vermont and his Vermont family lineage traces back nine generations to Bethuel Chittenden, the brother of Vermont's first governor Thomas Chittenden.

He has been elected to the South Burlington City Council three times (2015, 2017, and 2020), currently serving in his third term. He has been twice elected by the faculty of the University of Vermont to serve as their Faculty Senate President and he served as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Green Mountain Transit Authority (2015–2020).

He currently serves as the co-chair of the Schlesinger Global Family Enterprise Case Competition and a director of the Grossman School of Business Undergraduate Case Competition Program. He was the 2019 UVM Grossman School of Business Faculty Member of the Year and in 2017 was awarded the University of Vermont President's Distinguished Lecturer Award. He also serves on the New England Board of Higher Education, the Vermont Economic Progress Council, and the Vermont State Infrastructure Bank.

For a short period of time, he was a Volunteer Firefighter in the Town of Williston, Vermont and is a South Burlington Rotarian. He now lives in the Chittenden family home in South Burlington. He is the father of three children attending public school and is married to Kimberly Chittenden, who teaches in Colchester.

Representative Emilie Krasnow

Chittenden-9, Vermont House of Representatives

Emilie Krasnow is a Representative in Vermont's House of Representatives. She serves on the House Committee on General and Housing. She is also a member of the Climate Solutions Caucus, Women's Caucus, Future's Caucus, Working Vermonters Labor Caucus, Social Equity Caucus, and Older Vermonters Caucus.

Emilie was born in Middlebury, grew up in Charlotte, and, since 2005, has called South Burlington home. She grew up in a political environment and started door-to-door canvassing in 1994 when her father was first elected to the Vermont legislature: she was seven. Emilie studied leadership and management at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza School of Business. She gives presentations at Vermont high schools and colleges promoting civic engagement and serves on the Community Service Committee of the South Burlington Rotary Club, the South Burlington Library Foundation Volunteer Committee, and the South Burlington Housing Trust Committee.

Prior to her election, Emilie worked for seven years at the Vermont State House, four as an assistant in the Vermont Senate and three as an assistant in the Lieutenant Governor's office. Emilie volunteers at local and statewide food shelves, affordable housing coalitions, and has volunteered and worked on over a dozen municipal, county, statewide, and federal campaigns.

Representative Kate Lalley

Chittenden-6, Vermont House of Representatives

Kate Lalley is a Washington, DC native, but has lived in Shelburne since 2003. She attended Kenyon College, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in English, followed by a master's in landscape architecture from the University of Virginia. Kate maintained a practice in landscape and urban design for 15 years, serving public, private and institutional clients in New England, New York and Washington, DC. Upon moving with her family to Vermont in 2003 her work shifted away from a focus on site design to community planning. Since 2015 Kate has worked as a regional planner. She helps communities to increase attainable housing, especially in walkable contexts to make more affordable, healthful and car-lite lifestyles with easier access to jobs and daily needs available to more Vermonters. In addition to reducing emissions this model also provides opportunities to manage stormwater to protect water quality and other sensitive natural resources.

In Shelburne Kate has been an active community volunteer, most recently serving as a member of the town's selectboard and prior to that, as a planning commissioner for 15 years. Member of the House of Representatives: 2023 – present.

1:15pm – 1:45pm Sessions

Designing a Downtown: the Construction of South Burlington's City Center (Sugar Maple Room) *Jessie Baker, City of South Burlington*

For decades, South Burlington envisioned having its own downtown. Now, that vision is becoming a reality, through the use of Tax Increment Financing, smart growth principles, form-based code, extensive community engagement, and working with partners. Join us to learn about the tools used, the orientation to being a walkable, bikeable, and transit-oriented downtown, and the connection to climate resilience. Hear about what's next for our growing City!

Employer Perspective: All Earth Renewables (Boulder Room) *David Blittersdorf, All Earth Renewables*

You Can't Get Here from There: Advancing Transportation Equity Through Targeted Universalism (Williams Room)

Kesha Ram Hinsdale

How has spatial, racial, and opportunity segregation impacted health, job access, and advancement? A discussion of models to enact the Transportation Equity Framework with principles of targeted universalism.

Rethinking Green Mountain Transit Fares (Chittenden Room) *Clayton Clark, Green Mountain Transit*

A discussion of the considerations made with the reintroduction of fares to GMT's urban operations. These considerations included limiting the financial harm of fares on vulnerable riders, lowering barriers for regional transit, and improving technology to allow for collaboration, convenience, and protections.

2:00pm – 2:30 pm Sessions

Coping w/ High Fuel Prices in Small & Rural Communities (Williams Room) *Dr. Greg Rowangould, UVM Transportation Research Center*

A dramatic spike in gasoline and diesel fuel prices during the first half of 2022 impacts residents living in diverse small cities, towns, and rural communities in Vermont. Hear about the findings, including the larger role of attitudes and beliefs explaining how people respond to higher fuel prices than their geographical location or socioeconomic characteristics. Results suggest that compact and mixed-use developments and improved transit options may be effective means to further reduce travel demand even in more rural contexts.

Diving into the Microtransit TDM Strategy. Does it work in Vermont? (Chittenden Room) *Ross MacDonald, VTrans*

Learn about Microtransit, the Microtransit Pilot Programs being conducted throughout the state, lessons learned so far, and possible future plans or opportunities with this type of service.

Getting Smarter at UVM: The Comprehensive Sustainability Plan (Sugar Maple Room)

Abby Bleything, University of Vermont

Elizabeth Palchak, University of Vermont

Come learn about UVM's first-ever sustainability plan and how it marks a significant chapter in the University's commitment to the environmental and social sustainability. During this presentation you will learn about UVM's efforts to decarbonize and tackle important goals and strategies in the areas of operations, governance and planning, smart growth development, research, and learning.

New Housing Policy & Transportation Impacts (Boulder Room)

Charlie Baker, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

A discussion of the housing/transportation implications of S.100 (Act 47 of 2023) encouraging more housing in growth areas. Followed by a discussion of issues and opportunities for the 2024 legislative session around Act 250, Designation, and Future Land Use Studies currently underway.

2:45pm – 3:15pm Sessions

Balancing Affordable Housing Transportation Needs & Social Equity (Boulder Room)

Michael Monte, Champlain Housing Trust

Hear about some basic policies, programs and initiatives and recent survey work, along with insight on built in inequities in our transportation expectations for affordable housing.

Evolving for Economic Resilience and Connectivity: Digging Deep in the Planner's Toolbox to transform from big box shopping to a connected mixed-use Town Center. (Sugar Maple Room)

Matt Boulanger, Town of Williston

Williston's Taft Corners was the epicenter of big-box retail and suburban commercial development in Vermont in the 1980's and 1990's. Designated as Vermont's first Growth Center in 2006, Taft Corners has since been a living lab for performance-based zoning standards and the encouragement of connectivity via planned "Grid Streets," with varying degrees of success. Beginning in 2020, Williston explored and ultimately adopted a set of new tools, integrating a Form-Based zoning code with careful and more prescriptive planning for a network of walkable blocks and bikeable streets. Learn about the development of this "all-in" planning effort and discuss some likely future scenarios for this ever-evolving piece of Chittenden County."

Real Talk about Transportation (Williston Room)

Margaret Bass, DEI Real Talk Counseling

Vanpooling Works (Chittenden Room)

Leslie McNeice, Global Foundries

Essex/Williston employer, Global Foundries has cracked the nail on vanpooling

3:30pm – 4:15pm

Legislative Panel (Silver Maple Ballroom)

State of Vermont Legislators

We close out the day with a group of Vermont legislators. Hear their perspectives on transportation and our Summit. Moderated by Charlie Baker, Executive Director of CCRPC.