



Streets for Success - Resources

Guidance and Resources

- [Better Places COVID](#) - Included in Phase II of the Governor's Package, this innovative program will help cities and towns find new ways to use streets, parking areas, and public spaces in downtowns and villages to help rebuild the economy and revive community life.
- [Guidance for Restaurant and Retail Use of Right of Way](#) – ACCD and VTrans just completed guidance to help ensure restaurants and retail businesses use streets safely.
- [Design in the Context of COVID](#) - A list of resources and references pertaining to the design of public spaces compiled by Randy Wilson, President of Community Design Solutions, a public design consultancy based out of Columbia, South Carolina.
- ["Age-Friendly" Responses to COVID](#) - AARP's guide to steps local communities can take to support and protect older adults during the pandemic.
- [Community Action Grants](#) - AARP Vermont's 2020 Community Action Grants will provide between \$500-\$2,000 in financial support to non-profit organizations and ad hoc groups that are responding locally to build and enhance community resiliency.
- [Pop-Up Placemaking Toolkit](#) - Another AARP guide to forwarding local projects that improve communities for people of all ages.
- [Tactical Urbanism Materials and Design Guide](#) - A more in-depth resource for developing community projects from the Streets Plans Collaborative.
- [DIY Community Workbook](#) - a Do-it-Yourself cookbook with how-to instructions, templates and practical tips for some of the most popular community placemaking projects, from wayfinding signs to parklets, guerrilla gardening to play streets.
- [Reclaiming the Right of Way](#) - A parklet implementation toolkit from the UCLA Complete Streets Initiative.
- [Vermont Downtown and Village Toolkit](#) - The ACCD's comprehensive guide for Downtown & Village Center design.

- [Streets for Pandemic Response](#) - NACTO's Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery compiles emerging practices from around the world and includes implementation resources for cities and their partners to improve their streets during COVID-19.

Vermont Organizations/Points of Contact

Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans)

VTrans has established a Public Spaces Task Force to provide technical assistance in navigating the intersection between public spaces and public rights of way. The Task Force will assist businesses and community groups that wish to use a portion of state highways for temporary public gathering spaces with the state approval process. For more information, contact Amy Bell at Amy.Bell@vermont.gov.

Vermont's 11 Regional Planning Commissions

Contact your local regional planning commission (here's a [list](#)) for assistance navigating the technical and regulatory steps to reimagining public outdoor spaces.

Local Motion

Local Motion is available to communities as a resource for creating vibrant and functional public spaces by centering them around people. During Covid and beyond, we're happy to consult on everything from best practices for parklet construction and activation, to creating additional distancing space for pedestrians, rapidly implementing bike networks as a means to facilitate social distancing and improve public health, and more. Our Pop-Up Mobile Demonstration Support trailer contains materials that help towns quickly implement short-term changes to streets. Contact jonathon@localmotion.org for more information or support.

AARP-Vermont

AARP provides education, outreach and advocacy support to communities focused on creating livable communities for people of all ages and ability. For more information, contact Kelly Stoddard Poor at kstoddardpoor@aarp.org.

Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)

Richard Amore and Gary Holloway, of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) are available to provide technical assistance to downtowns and villages, share examples and inspiration, and can assist with identifying resources and strategies for implementation. For more information, contact:

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