

VERMONT LOCAL ROADS

VLR Learning Opportunities & News Issue 11 - February 2022

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Trainings Within the LMS

Before clicking on class links via LMS:

Be sure to have your LMS open, and be signed in for the links below to bring you to the proper class pages.



VLR eLearning Flagger Certification

We have completed an eLearning version of our Work Zone Flagger course. It meets the requirements established by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and Vermont standard requirements. This enables municipal employees to complete the course in our Learning Management System and receive a flagger certification card via mail.

The full course will take from 3-4 hours to complete. It has 4 modules each with a quiz at the end, after completing the 4 modules there are 4 drag and drop scenarios to demonstrate adequate understanding of work zone setup, and finally the exam at the end.

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CDL - Entry Level Driver Training - Theory Curriculum

FMCSA's (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association) Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations set the baseline for training requirements for entry-level drivers. This includes those applying to:

- Obtain a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time
- Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL
- Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time

The ELDT program consists of a theory training which covers 5 main topics, 7 behind-the-wheel range skills, and 12 behind-the-wheel on-road skills. In order to successfully complete the theory portion of the training, participants must score an *80% or higher* on the assessments for each section.

The theory portion of the ELDT is available to municipalities in our Learning Management System. If you have questions about this training please contact Todd Eaton by [email](#) or calling 802-353-0110.

Entry Level Driver Training Curriculum

Upon successful completion of the online theory portion of the training, drivers will understand:

1. Basic Operation
2. Safe Operating Procedures
3. Advanced Operating Procedures
4. Vehicle Systems
5. Non-Driving Activities

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Hyperlinks:

[About the Training Provider Registry](#)
[Training Provider Factsheet](#)
[Entry Level Driver Training Rule Implementation Checklist](#)
[Training Providers - Register Now](#)



VLR Virtual Technical Round Table Weight Permit & Posting

The program will include:

- Discussion of the state statutes related to Weight Permits and what they mean.
- Discussion of the state statutes related to Road Posting, both seasonal and permanent.
- Discussion of the reporting and permitting process for Weight posting and permits.
- An overview of statutes regarding agricultural service vehicles versus farm vehicles.
- An overview of DMV policy, jurisdiction and process.....to a point.
- Discussion of common mistakes made making enforcement unlikely or difficult.
- Discussion of other related questions or concerns from the towns

February 23
Virtual 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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Roads Scholar Category - 1 Technical hour

VLR Virtual Technical Round Table Municipal Roads General Permit & Road Erosion

Inventory App Updates

This webinar will cover:

- How to download and use DEC's MRGP REI applications such as Collector and Survey 123.
- How to re-assess road segments after segments have been upgraded to MRGP standards.
- How to view, interpret, and use your town's REI data in the MRGP database portal.
- How to use mapping tools to assist in the implementation of road practices.

Roads Scholar Category - 1 Technical hour

March 30

Virtual 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

April 27

Virtual 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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VLR Work Zone Flagger

This workshop provides participants with the basic understanding of work zone safety and flagging. Upon completion of this course, participants will receive a Flagger certification card.

During VOSHA inspections of municipal work zone set-ups, proper signs and stands, Flaggers may be asked to produce their Flagger certification card.

Roads Scholar Category - 4 Safety hours

March 3 - Middlebury Recreation
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

March 10 - Bennington DPW
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

March 17 - VTrans Training Center
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

March 24 - Springfield DPW
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Rivers & Roads Tier I

This eLearning discusses river terms and concepts to provide a background for the Tier 2 class. The eLearning may take 30 minutes to an hour to review and includes some quick quizzes that are not recorded but provide immediate feedback for the user.

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Roads Scholar Category - 1 Environmental hour

Rivers & Roads Tier III

Note: Tier I and Tier II Rivers and Roads trainings are a prerequisite to register for Tier III.

- Each training subject is a one-day class. There is no requirement to take them all and/or one topic prior to the other.
- Participants are encouraged to review the "Vermont Standard River Management Principals and Practices version 1.3" prior to the trainings.
<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/rivers/river-management#principles>
- There will be options for both in-person and remote participation. We encourage in-person participation, if possible, but we hope this will provide all who are interested a chance to join us. Links and information will be provided to participants as we get closer to each training date.

February 17 - Channel Stabilization -
VTrans Dill Building in Berlin 8:00 a.m.
- 4:00 p.m.

March 17 - Sediment & Large Wood
Removal - VTrans Dill Building in
Berlin 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

April 14 - Bridge and Culvert
Replacement - VTrans Dill Building in
Berlin 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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VTrans Training Center is hosting these workshops.

Roads Scholar Category - 6 Environmental hours per topic

TC3 (Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council)

Did you know that AASHTO has an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to provide training to local agencies and tribes? The AASHTO TC3 has helped to develop hours of training in almost all highway areas from constructing a project to maintenance. In just a few clicks you can view information on plan reading, math, project inspection, and so much more. There are courses for everyone from new employees to managers, so whatever your position is, it's likely that TC3 has information for you. **To find applicable trainings, search in the LMS 'TC3' or 'AASHTO', or by searching for a specific topic.**

As we close out the first month of the new year, your resolutions are no doubt still going strong. Here's to a year of growth – both personally and professionally.

TC3 has many courses to help you toward your goals. Here are some highlights:

- **Ethics Awareness** – This course highlights good practices from various agencies. Topics of discussion include conflict of interest, safety, fraud, falsification of documentation, reporting ethical concerns, gifts and favors, fairness, personal use of agency property, and consequences.
- **Safety Orientation** – This training provides a general safety awareness orientation. Remember the motto: "Do it safely, or don't do it!" Prevention of injury and safeguarding health is the responsibility of everyone, both management and employees. The safety and health of employees is the overriding concern in all phases of operations.
- **Math Basics Series for Highway Technicians** – There are 11 modules that make up this series, with each explaining an introductory math concept in a quick, interactive micro-learning experience. Topics include arithmetic, fractions, decimals, percentages, area, volume, slope, and more.

If you are having issues with logging into the Learning Management System please email vermontlocalroads@vermont.gov or request your credentials [here](#).

VLR Past Webinar Recordings

NOW AVAILABLE: Recordings of past VLR webinars are now available on our [website](#). They are categorized by Roads Scholar category (Environmental, Equipment, Safety, Supervisory or Technical).

Featured recording for this month is "CDL Entry Level Driver Training".



Tailgate Talks

Vermont Local Roads in partnership with the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTTrans) is proud to announce the relaunch of "Tailgate Talks." These are intended to be brief 10-15 minute presentations of information, exercises, and opportunities to review important workplace

Abandoned Locks

policies and procedures with staff members.

and Tags

"To Review as a Group:" Use the PDF to the right, once reviewed as a group, please send a sign-in sheet of names [to the VLR team](#). We will enter those names into the LMS to have the tailgate talks added to your transcript.

Bloodborne Pathogens

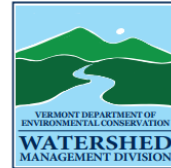
Search for "VLR Tailgate Talk" to watch recorded tailgate talks via the Learning Management System. We have Chainsaw Safety and Stress Management available.

News & Resources for Municipalities

In this section you will find news, resources, and sharing from other partners for municipalities.

Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP) What's New (and Due) for 2022

Here are some upcoming important Vermont Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) related schedules and permit requirements, training opportunities, and resources available to towns in 2022.



Due Dates and Requirements for 2022

Due Date	Requirement	Fee
April 1	Annual Report Form	--
June 1	Annual Fee	\$500, \$1350, or \$1800 - prorated based on population & road miles

Municipal Roads General Permit Newsletter

Here are some upcoming important Vermont Municipal Roads General Permit(MRGP) related schedules and permit requirements, training opportunities, and resources available to towns in 2022.

[Read more](#)
dec.vermont.gov



Free Workforce Development Marketing Toolkit

It is no secret that many industries across the United States are experiencing worker shortages. This problem is especially critical in highway construction. According to a 2021 survey by the Associated General Contractors of America, 90 percent...

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www.fhwa.dot.gov



Hearing Protection | Safety+Health Magazine

'Every ear canal is different' When it comes to hearing protection, "the technology itself hasn't really changed in over 30 years," said Matt Block, director of health and safety services for Magid. "We're still using the same materials -..."

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www.safetyandhealthmagazine...



American Heart Month Toolkits 2022 | cdc.gov

Check out our American Heart Month partner toolkits for resources, graphics, and social messages about hypertension control.

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FHWA/CENTER FOR LOCAL AID SUPPORT: TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

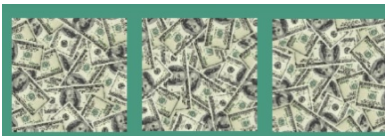
The Center for Local Aid Support has developed a series of online training modules for transportation professionals. The online training courses are for professional development and to provide solutions for transportation related issues. There...

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AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION - BETTER ROADS PROGRAM

The Vermont Better Roads Program provides technical support and grant funding to municipalities to promote the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing water quality around the State.

[Read more](#)
vtrans.vermont.gov



Show Me the Money!

Vermont Agency of Transportation Grants – A guide for Municipalities



**Vermont League
of Cities & Towns**

VLCT TRAINING & EVENTS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that was founded in 1967 with the mission of serving and strengthening Vermont local government.

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The VLR team is dedicated to providing assistance to municipal highway departments and town governments to improve their road networks by providing training, technical assistance, communication tools and information exchange.