

ACTIVITIES

Many activities were undertaken in 2006 that would reduce petroleum consumption from transportation but do not collect petroleum data, or are geared to future reductions. Some of these efforts are summarized below.

State Policies

The Vermont State Government affected transportation energy in 2006 on a few fronts.

The Vermont legislature passed legislation in the spring 2007 session which has the effect of reducing petroleum consumption from transportation. Act 48 prohibits the idling of school bus engines on school property and encourages schools to enact policies to reduce idling by other vehicles on school grounds as well.

Safe Routes to Schools is a federal program administered by states, intended to benefit children in primary and middle schools. It includes evaluation of existing conditions and attitudes and activities to encourage schoolchildren to walk and bike to school on a regular basis. In 2006 and 2007 the number of participating schools was increased to 28.

Table: Schools Participating in Safe Routes to Schools Programs by Region

Region	# of schools
Addison County Regional Commission	3
Bennington County Regional Commission	1
Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization	7
Central VT Regional Planning Commission	4
Lamoille County Planning Commission	1
Northwest Regional Planning Commission	2
Northeast VT Development Association	2
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	2
Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission	1
Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission	2
Windham Regional Commission	3
total # schools participating	28

Source: [Vermont Safe Routes to School](#)

State Planning Initiatives

There are a number of state planning initiatives related to petroleum consumption and transportation.

Table: State Planning Initiatives Related To Transportation

Planning Initiative	Lead Agency	Expected Completion Date	Last Plan Completed	Contact
Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan	DPS	Fall 2007	July, 1998	Riley Allen
Vermont Long Range Transportation Plan	VTrans	May 2008	Jan., 2002	Scott Bascom
Climate Change Action Plan	ANR	Dec. 2007	n/a	Harold Garabedian
Climate Neutral Working Group	ANR	none	April, 2007	Jeff Merrell

Source: Snelling Center

Non-profit sector activities

See the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition eNewsletter archive.

¹ Includes biodiesel blends and B100 volumes.

² Data is available on a monthly basis per distributor. Gasoline sales include any gasoline sale in Vermont, while diesel purchases for non-road applications exempt from the tax are not included. These reports are used to levy the fuel tax, (26 cents per gallon for diesel and 20 cents per gallon for gasoline (DMV Commercial Vehicle Department and DMV Auditor Doug Bessette.)

³ This data is actual spending, not authorized amounts.

⁴ The state fiscal year (SFY) runs from July 1 to June 30.

⁵ DMV data was cross-checked with RL Polk data (see Table 8)