

## Taking Bigger Action on Transportation

Are you feeling ready to take bigger action and make changes around transportation-related Carbon Emissions in your community or state?

First check out the data in the upper left quadrant of the 2020 VEEP/NHEEP poster, Energy, Economy, Climate and You ([VT/NH](#)), to get informed about current statewide transportation emissions. Notice the size of the transportation emissions compared to other sectors...

Now, where are you going to make changes?

Here are some ideas on places to start:

### Community Action Ideas

#### 1) Imagine a Better Transportation Future for Your Community

Write a story or draw a detailed picture about what you imagine perfect transportation could be like in your community at some point in the future.

- Who would be involved?
- What technology/technologies would be used?
- What would it look like and what would be so awesome about it?

Share your vision with VEEP/NHEEP ([info@veep.org](mailto:info@veep.org) or [info@nheep.org](mailto:info@nheep.org)), who can work with you to find local community partners and start working on a plan to make your vision a reality.

#### 2) Finding Solutions to Transportation Problems

Think about a “problem spot” for transportation in your community. Maybe it’s a junction where you have to wait at busy times of the day, or your school drop off area, or maybe you know some people who have a hard time getting where they need to go.

Then, reach out for a consultation with a VEEP/NHEEP staff person ([info@veep.org](mailto:info@veep.org) or [info@nheep.org](mailto:info@nheep.org)) who can help you create a systems map to analyze the problem and evaluate potential solutions, and then help you set up your project goals and make an action plan.

From here we will be able to chart your project, and figure out who in the community we need to get involved, and when that makes sense. [Click here](#) to read about a project like this and other school-based transportation projects.

### 3) Rethinking Local Transportation with Busses and Electrification

Are you interested in electrifying your local busses, or going further and re-thinking how they are used in your community? If so, contact VEEP/NHEEP ([info@veep.org](mailto:info@veep.org) or [info@nheep.org](mailto:info@nheep.org)) to discuss being involved with one or both of the following current community transportation initiatives:

- Bus electrification and/or
- Combining public and school bus service.

To get more involved and connected in Energy/Climate Action, or for project consultations and ongoing project support, sign up for [Youth Climate Leaders Academy](#) or [Youth/Adult Energy Action!](#)

## State-wide Action

Connect with VEEP/NHEEP ([info@veep.org](mailto:info@veep.org) or [info@nheep.org](mailto:info@nheep.org)). We can help you understand, plan, and navigate the best path for you to approach state-wide action, and connect you with local organizations that may be doing similar work.

Communicate with your state representatives. Find out if the State House is in session and choose one of the following:

#### A. Advocate Between Sessions

- Find a bill from the most recent legislative session related to transportation that you think was a good idea, or look up current transportation initiatives.
  - For Information on NH Legislation, check out this link in [Clean Energy NH](#)
  - For Information on VT Legislation, check out this link to [Vermont Conservation Voters](#)
- Find your local representatives and find out how they voted on that bill or whether they support new transportation initiatives that you think are a good idea.
  - To find your representatives in Vermont: Scroll down to the bottom of the [Vermont Conservation Voters](#) page and search in the green box. Clicking on a person will show you their “Legislative Scorecard” so you can see how they’ve voted on issues in the past.
  - To find your representatives in New Hampshire: Go to NH’s [House of Representatives](#) page and either enter your town or click on the

map to find your representatives. Click on a person, then you can click on “Bills Sponsored this Session” or “Voting Record” to see what they are supporting.

- Write your representative a letter or email either thanking them for their work on transportation, or asking them to vote differently on transportation changes in the future.
- Be sure to share not only your opinion, but some evidence to support your thinking about why this is important.

## **B. Advocate for Bills in Session**

- Look at the Transportation Climate Initiative ([TCI](#)) or another current transportation related bill that is being considered.
  - For Information on NH Legislation, check out this link in [Clean Energy NH](#)
  - For Information on VT Legislation, check out this link to [Vermont Conservation Voters](#)
- Learn about the bill and decide if you support the bill. Do you think the bill would be a good step to reducing carbon emissions? (You may also want to consider how justice, equity and inclusion are included or missing, and other factors that you think are important.)
- Check with the [League of Conservation Voters](#) and compare your thinking with theirs.
- Contact your local representatives and even the Governor (if the bill passes) in support of the bill and follow what happens throughout the session...and see how many other people you can get to do the same!
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To become more active and connected to others also doing this work, reach out to VEEP ([info@veep.org](mailto:info@veep.org))