Background

Origins and Purpose of the Traffic Statute Review Working Group



) Objective

In 2022, the Vermont Legislature passed Act 106 of 2022, which "requires the Executive Director of Racial Equity, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and the Commissioner of Public Safety to jointly **examine all motor vehicle violations** for the purpose of making recommendations on **whether or not statutes should be repealed, modified, or limited to secondary enforcement**."

Act 106 Full Text | Act 106 Summary

Process

The Executive Director and the Commissioners have assembled an inter-Departmental working group to review the traffic statutes and prepare for the required reporting. Group contributors included

- the Executive Director,
- research and policy staff of the Office of Racial Equity,
- the co-Director of Fair & Impartial Policing,
- policy staff of the Department of Public Safety,
- policy staff of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and
- additional staff with experience and expertise conducting traffic enforcement.

The major components of the working group's work include

- research and review of traffic statutes,
- discussion & deliberation of proposed changes,
- drafting recommendations & findings,
- community engagement, and
- reporting to the legislature.

KEY MILESTONES / TIMELINE

Jun 2022-Dec 2022 Initial review & research		Oct-Dec 2023 Finalize report follo	wing public input
	Jan 2023	Sep-Nov 2023	Dec 2023
	Interim report submitted	Public review & input	Final report due

Community Experience

As part of this process, the working group wants to learn about <u>your</u> experiences with traffic enforcement. Specifically, we hope to learn about how traffic laws affect your communities. We also hope to learn whether there are specific changes or updates that would improve your experience as a motorist, passenger, pedestrian, resident, or visitor in Vermont. We are eager to hear your experiences and stories, but **we hope to focus today's on gaining actionable ideas**. The feedback you share will help the Executive Director and the Commissioners make meaningful recommendations to the Vermont Legislature on how to update the traffic code to meet the spirit of Act 106 of 2022. Here are the options for you to participate:

- join a session in-person (food will be provided)
- join a session via Zoom
- submit your feedback online

ONLINE FEEDBACK FORM

There are two ways to access the form:

1 - Visit forms.microsoft.com/g/tYdTKhk5Zk

or



2 - Scan here: