

Status update

- After the storm, we had 135 state roads & 31 state bridges closed
- As of yesterday, we have 22 state roads & 17 state bridges still closed
- Many of those re-openings are one lane only or emergency only
- All of the state's rail lines have sustained heavy damage
 - All rail bridges being inspected
 - Vermont Transit rail lines open for freight traffic between Rutland and Burlington and into Whitehall NY
 - Amtrak Ethan Allen service resumed with some speed restrictions
- Some flash-flooding, 2,000 power outages in Bennington & Windsor Counties yesterday

(We're in a vulnerable state right now...people need to be vigilant)

- Public disaster declared for all counties except for Grand Isle
This allows cities and towns to receive federal aid for roads, bridges, water systems, other public infrastructure
- Individual disaster declared for these counties:
Addison, Bennington, Chittenden, Orange, Rutland, Washington, Windham and Windsor

This allows individual households to receive federal aid

FEMA provides up to \$30,200 (tax free) to individuals to help with damage not covered by insurance

How to register for FEMA assistance

Registering with FEMA is not the same as registering with 211

Calling 211 = helps state catalog total monetary damages

Calling FEMA = gets you registered for help

You need to call 1-800-621-FEMA to register.....and have handy:

- Current telephone number
- Address at the time of the disaster
- Current address;
- Social Security number;
- A general list of damages and losses;
- If insured, the name of insurance company, agent and policy number;
- Bank routing number for any direct deposit.

Once you register, you will receive a 9-digit registration number that can be used for reference when corresponding with FEMA in the future.

Write it down.

Once you register, FEMA will send a property inspector out to your house, and determine what aid you are eligible for.

*Keep in mind that FEMA is not the same as insurance. Insurance makes you whole. FEMA restores you to a “safe, sanitary and functional” condition, and replaces only the necessities.

What I’ve seen from traveling around the state (good & bad)

What needs to happen from here

Prioritize roads – get as much done as possible before winter

Vermonters need to accept that there will be tough choices, and it will take us years to recover from this

How I plan to help

Using my construction expertise to help AOT officials prioritize projects and distribute resources most efficiently

Worked with AGC to catalog resources – they will be a clearinghouse

*Anyone with construction experience who is looking for a job should contact AGC at... **(WAITING FOR INFO FROM CATHY)**