

Tax Structure Commission Work Plan

1. January through July 2019 (Phase 1)

- Finalize Work Plan and Budget – Jan-Feb 2019
- Submit Work Plan and Budget to Legislative Committees – Feb 15, 2019
- Reach agreement on general principles on which to evaluate current tax structure and possible recommendations – Feb-March 2019
- Solicit engagement from stakeholders – continuous
- Presentations to commissioners on current tax/revenue/fund structure, including education financing and property tax systems – Feb-March 2019
- Review prior relevant reports and recommendations (e.g., Blue Ribbon Tax Structure Commission final report; 2017 Vermont [10-year] Tax Study; tax expenditures biennial reports; DOT Sales Tax on Services Study and JFO Sales Tax on Selected Services Report) – Feb-April 2019
- Commission identifies issues from prior reports and presentations that warrant further research or updating – Feb-March 2019
- Commission identifies areas of interest to be explored in initial set of white papers – Feb-April 2019
- Report status of BRTSC recommendations, including barriers to implementation – March 2019
- Identify areas of interest that further the goals of the commission and prioritize for research – March-April 2019
- Develop plan for engaging the public, including low-income advocates and business groups – March-April 2019
- Produce 1-2 initial white papers for review – April-July 2019

2. August through December 2019 (Phase 2)

- Finalization of initial white paper(s) for public release – Aug-Sept 2019
- Hold public hearings – Sept- Oct 2019

- Continue to review list of issues and prioritize for inclusion in report – Sept-Oct 2019
- Research and produce drafts of second set of white papers – Sept-Dec 2019
- Review of white papers; public outreach, including press coverage of commission work – Nov-Dec 2019

3. January through June 2020 (Phase 3)

- Finalization of second set of white papers – Jan 2020
- Commission identifies initial policy recommendations based on research and analysis conducted in white papers and feedback received during public outreach – Feb-April 2020
- Begin development of outline for final report – Spring/Summer
- Staff identifies areas that need further research or development – Jan-May 2020

4. July 2020 through February 2021 (Phase 4)

- Committee discussion and report development – July-Nov 2020
- Review and public comment on draft report – Dec 2020-Jan 2021
- Release report – February 2021 [Submission date: Feb 15, 2021]

5. February through May 2021

- Staff Director works with Commission and Legislature on any follow-up needed