



Executive Director's Report

Communities working together to meet Chittenden County's transportation needs

FISCAL YEAR 2010

January 2010

The start of a new calendar year marks the mid-point of the CCMPO work program/fiscal year. In addition to making mid-year budget adjustments and evaluating project progress, an eye turns to the next fiscal year's programming. Near the end of January the CCMPO sent out a notice to communities, special interest groups, partners and the public at large letting folks know that it is time to submit any project ideas for consideration by the Fiscal Year 2011 CCMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Committee. Following a [public input process](#) to be held in conjunction with the February 17th CCMPO Board meeting, the UPWP Committee will begin working on next year's work program and budget. Please plan to attend or submit comments in writing or via email no later than February 19th to [Michele Boomhower](#).

Regional Transportation News, Activities & Events

[Transportation Trends Changing in Chittenden County](#): Census data reveals increases in walking, biking, transit and a decrease in driving alone! While the total number of people working in Chittenden County increased during 2000-2008 timeframe, researchers found the following:

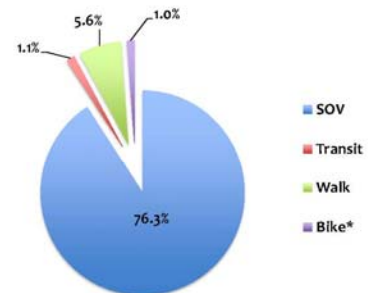
- The share of Single Occupant Vehicles (SOV)- those commuters who drive alone, dropped nearly 4%
- Work trips on public transportation increased 70%
- Walking overall was up 30% with 7% of workers choosing to walk to work (compared to 3% nationally)
- People biking (along with riding motorcycles and taking taxicabs) nearly doubled rising to 2%
- 11% of workers carpool and 4% work from home

At the national level, 76% of people drive alone to work while in Chittenden County 74% of commuters travel alone. There are numerous local organizations working throughout Chittenden County to provide commuters with options and incentives, and their efforts appear to be influencing the number of people choosing other modes. The organizations working together include: [Campus Area Transportation Management Association \(CATMA\)](#), [Local Motion](#), [Chittenden County Transportation Authority \(CCTA\)](#), [CarShare Vermont](#), [UVM's Transportation Research Center](#), [Vermont Agency of Transportation: Go Vermont](#), [AARP Vermont](#), [Vermont Energy Investment Corp. \(VEIC\)](#), and the [CCMPO](#). For additional information please contact [Bryan Davis](#).

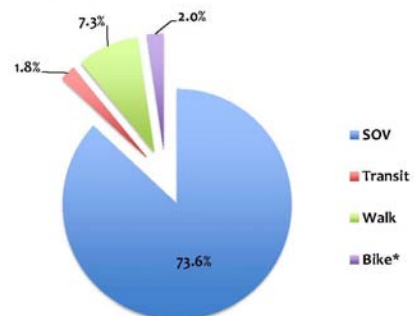
To see how you can "change your mode" visit: [Way to Go! Commuter Challenge](#)

Changing Transportation Trends

2000 Census



ACS 2006-2008



* Bike mode share is included with taxis and motorcycles

The [Western Corridor Transportation Management Plan](#) was accepted by the CCMPO Board of Directors at their January meeting and by the Vermont Secretary of Transportation, David Dill. The Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (project manager), and the five Regional Planning Commissions along western Vermont partnered in this effort to develop a multimodal Transportation Management Plan (Plan) for Western Vermont. The Plan's mission is to create "a unified long term vision for the highways and rail corridors in western Vermont and the development of balanced, environmentally responsible strategies that maximize system efficiencies, improve quality of life and promote economic vitality in the region." The Plan addresses highway and rail modes of travel for passenger and freight as well as public transportation (rail and bus), air, bicycle and pedestrian modes, where appropriate. The study area extends from the Massachusetts state line to the Canadian border. Now that the plan is developed, Working Groups will be formed to advance the implementation of strategies outlined in the plan. For further information you may contact CCMPO's [Eleni Churchill](#).

News from [Local Motion](#)



Burlington Parks and Recreation installed a non-slip metal surface on the Lakeside/Oakledge Bridge, much to the relief of many users who have fallen there over the years. Bike path user **Kathy Brunette** wrote when she heard the news, "I am one of the victims of the Lakeside / Oakledge bridge's slipperiness. I was injured in a fall on an early summer morning in 2006. I am so happy to hear that the likelihood of that happening to someone else has been taken away. Thanks for the good work to make our beloved bike path safer."

News from [CCTA](#)

[Milton](#) Commuter service is scheduled to begin February 15, 2010, watch the CCTA website for details or contact [Aaron Frank](#).

Regional Public Transportation Expansion

CCTA Staff recently completed the formal three- month Transit Development Plan (TDP) Stakeholder Committee input process which included three Stakeholder Committee meetings. The topics of the meetings were:

- Meeting 1: Existing Conditions and Needs Analysis
- Meeting 2: Vision and Initial Service Strategies
- Meeting 3: Refined Service Strategies

Staff also met with the CCTA Strategy Committee (a sub-committee of the CCTA Board) in early January to discuss the TDP progress to-date, confirm the timeline for the project, and review a draft vision statement for the plan. The draft TDP materials can be found at the [CCTA website](#) or by contacting [Aaron Frank](#).

Upcoming Events at the CCMPO

CCMPO will be closed on Monday, February, 15th in observance of President's Day.

[CCMPO Transportation Advisory Committee](#) – **Wednesday**, March 3, 9:00 a.m.

[CCMPO Board Meeting](#) – Wednesday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.

[Chittenden County Park, Ride & Intercept Plan Public Outreach Meeting](#), Wednesday, March 17 following CCMPO Board Meeting

[2010 Bicycle/Pedestrian Summit](#) ~ Save the Date! : Sat 27 Mar 2010 ~

[3rd Annual Chittenden County Planning Conference](#) ~ Save the Date! : Fri 5 Mar 2010 ~

Please contact CCMPO Executive Director, [Michele Boomhower](#), with any questions or comments.