



Chittenden County
Metropolitan Planning
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Executive Director's Report

Communities working together to meet Chittenden County's transportation needs

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Local Transportation News, Activities & Events

Hinesburg Traffic Review – CCMPO staff received a request from the Town of Hinesburg to assist the town's Development Review Board in reviewing site plans and traffic impacts for a proposed development at the northwest corner of the VT 116 / Commerce Street / Farmall Drive intersection. CCMPO provided comments related to on-street parking options and the development's traffic impact study. For additional information, please contact CCMPO's [Jason Charest](#).

Burlington Streetcar Study - The City's consultants have prepared a streetcar briefing report summarizing the history of streetcars in Burlington and reviewing costs and requirements for new service. A comparison of bus and streetcar operating costs and transit-oriented development potential in the City is included in this briefing report. The city anticipates scheduling a public meeting in the near future to review the briefing report and solicit feedback prior to completing a final streetcar feasibility report. For additional information, please contact CCMPO's [David Roberts](#).

Burlington Waterfront South Access Study – Work continues on the Waterfront South Access Study in Burlington. The primary goal of this project is to develop access and circulation alternatives for the waterfront area south of Perkin's Pier in Burlington. CCMPO staff is currently reviewing a draft Existing Conditions Assessment memo that includes a probable economic development profile for the area as well as development of a microsimulation traffic model of the study area. For additional information, please contact CCMPO's [Eleni Churchill](#).

Regional Transportation News, Activities & Events

Keeping Our Air Clean:

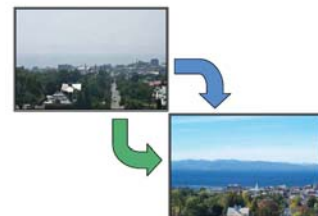
Local and Regional Strategies to Improve Air Quality in Chittenden County

Following a year-long effort by a standing Committee of the CCMPO and CCRPC, the Boards of both organizations accepted the final report on air quality issues in Chittenden County. Developed as an informational report, not a policy document, the purposes of the report are:

- To inform and guide the CCMPO and CCRPC boards in prioritizing Work Program tasks related to air quality; and
- To identify strategies that individuals, employers and municipalities can implement to improve air quality.

For additional information, please contact CCMPO's [Christine Forde](#).

Keeping Our Air Clean Local and Regional Strategies to Improve Air Quality in Chittenden County



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[Automatic Traffic Count Data Available](#) – CCMPO Staff completed processing and posting of all ATR and Intersection Traffic Count data collected in spring through fall of 2009. Staff updated the GIS database for all ATR locations and their corresponding AADT's for 2009. For additional information, please contact CCMPO's [Daryl Benoit](#).

[Transportation Model Maintenance and Enhancement](#) – CCMPO received the long-expected data files related to the National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) Vermont add-on purchased in cooperation with the University of Vermont Transportation Research Center (TRC) and VTrans. Staff is reviewing the data and will meet with TRC staff to discuss data quality, analysis methods, and distribution of data summaries to other interested parties. CCMPO provided a notice to proceed to modeling consultant RSG for Phase 2 of the regional transportation model daily model update. This phase will include updating model parameters based on the NHTS add-on data, re-verifying the model's accuracy, peer review of the final model, and training for CCMPO staff and other interested parties. For additional information, please contact CCMPO's [David Roberts](#).

[Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#) – CCMPO's UPWP Committee met in February to kick off the start of planning for the FY2011 Work Program Year. The Committee met on February 25th and will meet in March on the 4th and the 30th. Following review by the Committee, the draft FY2011 UPWP will be forwarded to the CCMPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) for their review on April 6th, the CCMPO Executive Committee on April 7th and the full CCMPO Board of Directors on April 21st. Pending the outcome of the review process, the CCMPO Board of Directors anticipates warning the document for Public Hearing at the May 21st Board Meeting. For additional information, please contact CCMPO's [Michele Boomhower](#).

[News from CCTA](#)

[Transit Signal Priority](#) - Staff is continuing research on Transit Signal Priority systems in anticipation of a pilot study to begin in FY10. The [Burlington Public Works Commission](#) has requested the use of signal priority at the Cherry St / S Winooski Ave intersection to assist in moving buses through that location. CCTA staff is currently working with Burlington DPW on this issue. For additional information, please contact [Aaron Frank](#).

[Fort Ethan Allen Signal](#) - VTrans, CCTA and the [Town of Essex](#) reviewed 25% design drawings for the project. CCTA's engineer is designing the project to reduce costs and expedite permitting. LED traffic signals are being considered for the project and the project will return paved area to grass. Two bus shelters will be included as part of the project. For additional information, please contact [Aaron Frank](#).

[Milton Commuter](#) - CCTA began operating the Milton Commuter on Monday, February 15th. Early ridership numbers are encouraging with 231 passengers in the 3rd week of service and an average of over 46 passengers per day. For additional information, please contact [Aaron Frank](#).

[Upcoming Events at the CCMPO](#)

[CCMPO Transportation Advisory Committee](#) – Tuesday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.

[CCMPO Board Meeting](#) – Wednesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.

[2010 Bicycle/Pedestrian Summit](#) ~ **Save the Date!** : Saturday, March 27th 2010 (8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.) ~

[Chittenden County Safe Streets Summit](#) ~ **Save the Date!** : Saturday, April 10, 2010 (10-Noon) ~

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