



Chittenden County
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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



[Essex Junction VT Route 2A Circulation & Access Study](#) and the [Connector Road Analysis](#) report have been finalized and are now available in the CCMPO digital library of community & regional studies and reports. The purpose of the *VT Route 2A Circulation & Access Study* was to investigate traffic circulation, safety and access management issues in the vicinity of VT 2A south of the Five Corners (Park Street) in the Village of Essex Junction. The report focused on three areas in the Village of Essex Junction: access management on Park Street between the northern NECR railroad crossing and Five Corners; reinforcing one-way travel patterns on Park Terrace; and preventing the use of a right-turn slip lane from Main Street to Lincoln Street as a short cut around congestion. The purpose of the *Connector Road Analysis* was to evaluate traffic and circulation issues associated with the construction of a new local road connecting VT 2A (Park Street) and VT117 (Maple Street). Stay posted for future activities related to these two studies. For additional information, please contact CCMPO's [Eleni Churchill](#).



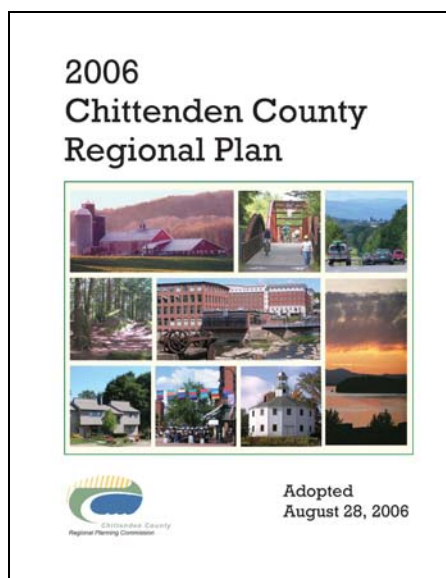
[Burlington's Colchester Avenue Corridor Management Planning](#) is in full swing. A meeting was held with the Ward 1 Neighborhood Planning Assembly on March 10th to introduce the project. The purpose of the *Colchester Avenue Corridor Plan* is to expand on past corridor work (*Colchester Avenue Task Force* and [Burlington's Transportation Plan](#)) to identify existing and future transportation system deficiencies for all modes; further develop the future vision and goals for the corridor identified in the Task Force final report; and develop a series of short-term and longer-term strategies that will assist in realizing the corridor vision and goals. The outcome of the study will be a system-wide approach that addresses all transportation issues and balances all modes in the corridor including passenger and commercial vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit. A project website is now live at www.colchesteravenue.org. For additional information, please contact CCMPO's [Eleni Churchill](#).

Regional Transportation News, Activities & Events

[The Western Corridor Transportation Management Plan](#) was released at the beginning of March. The purpose of this study was to evaluate transportation, land use and related conditions and create a Transportation Management Plan that presents a unified, long-term vision for managing and improving the transportation network in western Vermont. As an initial effort to coordinate planning over a vast study area, the plan presents a broad vision and a framework for transportation improvements, investment policies and strategies. For additional information, please contact CCMPO's [Eleni Churchill](#).



CCRPC Regional Plan Update



The [Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission](#) is in the process of updating the Regional Plan. Stage 1 of the process – to define the scope of the *2011 Regional Plan* - is underway including soliciting public feedback regarding what types of changes need to be made to the *2006 Regional Plan*. Input is needed with regards to:

- *Plan Subjects and Issues
- *Background Information & Analyses
- *Recommended Policies
- *New Types of Plan features (indicators or implementation activities)
- *Major Design & Layout Features (organization of chapters, tables, illustrations, etc.)

For additional information contact CCRPC staff member [Samantha Tilton](#).

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the seventh annual Way to Go! Commuter Challenge, which will take place May 17-21, 2010. This event encourages the use of healthier, more earth-friendly transportation, and less expensive alternatives to driving alone. Everyone who commits to walk, bike, telecommute, carpool, take the bus or use any alternative to driving solo will receive free giveaways and be entered in a drawing to win great prizes—iPods, a Neuton® battery-powered mower, Burton snowboards, overnight stays, restaurant gift certificates, yoga passes, spa treatments, bike tune-ups, golf and ski passes and more. Earl's Cyclery and Fitness is the corporate sponsor for the Community Challenge, providing the top performing community with new bike racks. Online registration is fast and easy at <http://www.waytogovt.org>.



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Upcoming Events at the CCMPO

[CCMPO Transportation Advisory Committee](#) – Tuesday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.

[CCMPO Board Meeting](#) – Wednesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.

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