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**CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RECEIVES NATIONAL OUTSTANDING
OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Winooski, VT – The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) received the award for Outstanding Overall Achievement at the 2014 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA October 21-24. The award recognizes a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which serves an area of under 200,000 in population; there are 230 MPOs of this size nationwide.

“On behalf of the staff and board of the CCRPC, I was honored to accept this award in person while attending the AMPO conference,” said Michele Boomhower, Assistant/MPO Director of the CCRPC. “This is the highest award we can receive from our peer organizations, and a reflection of the collective efforts of all our member municipalities, partner organizations, board and staff in advancing a tremendous planning agenda over the last three years.”

“With the support of our municipalities, partners, board and staff, the CCRPC has successfully completed a number of important projects over the last few years that have helped to advance our County’s sustainability goals and high quality of life,” said Andrew Montroll, Burlington representative and chair of the CCRPC Board of Directors. “This award is a testament to the dedicated and excellent work of so many, and we look forward to making continued contributions within our region in the years ahead.”

The CCRPC was recognized for its execution of four significant achievements during the past three years:

- Merger of the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the CCRPC in June of 2011;
- Coordination of Tropical Storm Irene statewide local transportation recovery response for municipal governments in coordination with Vermont’s 10 regional planning commissions, September through December 2011;
- Development of the ECOS Regional Plan for Sustainability (ecosproject.com) which was adopted in June 2013 and funded through the HUD Sustainability Communities Grant Program;
- Oversight and coordination of the three-year Circumferential Highway Alternatives Planning Process which concluded in December 2013.

Through its selection process, AMPO determined that these projects demonstrated the CCRPC’s application of innovation, impact on the transportation planning profession, implementation of complex projects and programs, and exemplary coordination between federal, state, regional and local partners.

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