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## **Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Receives 2014 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations**

**WASHINGTON, DC – The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) in Winooski, Vermont has been awarded a 2014 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for their VT Circumferential Highway Alternatives Planning Process.**

NADO is a Washington, DC-based association that promotes programs and policies to strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies. The Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards showcase organizations for noteworthy projects and practices in rural and small metropolitan transportation planning, program delivery, and special initiatives. Award winners received national recognition at the 2014 National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference, December 3 – 5 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The VT Circumferential Highway Alternatives Planning Process convened the CIRC Alternatives Task Force of 23 multidisciplinary state, regional, and local stakeholders who identified and recommended a list of 34 immediate, mid-term, and long-term projects that address mobility, congestion, transportation demand, safety, livability, and economic development.

According to NADO President Terry Bobrowski, Executive Director of the East Tennessee Development District in Alcoa, Tennessee: “The Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards highlight the important results of programs and projects like the VT Circumferential Highway Alternatives Planning Process. Such initiatives are central to fostering quality of place and facilitating economic vitality in our nation’s communities by promoting effective transportation networks.”

For more information about the award-winning project, contact the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission at (802) 846-4490.

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Founded in 1967, the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) provides advocacy, education, networking, and research for the national network of 540 regional development organizations. NADO members provide professional, programmatic, and technical assistance to over 2,300 counties and 15,000 municipalities.

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