

# Chittenden County Municipal Legislative Breakfast

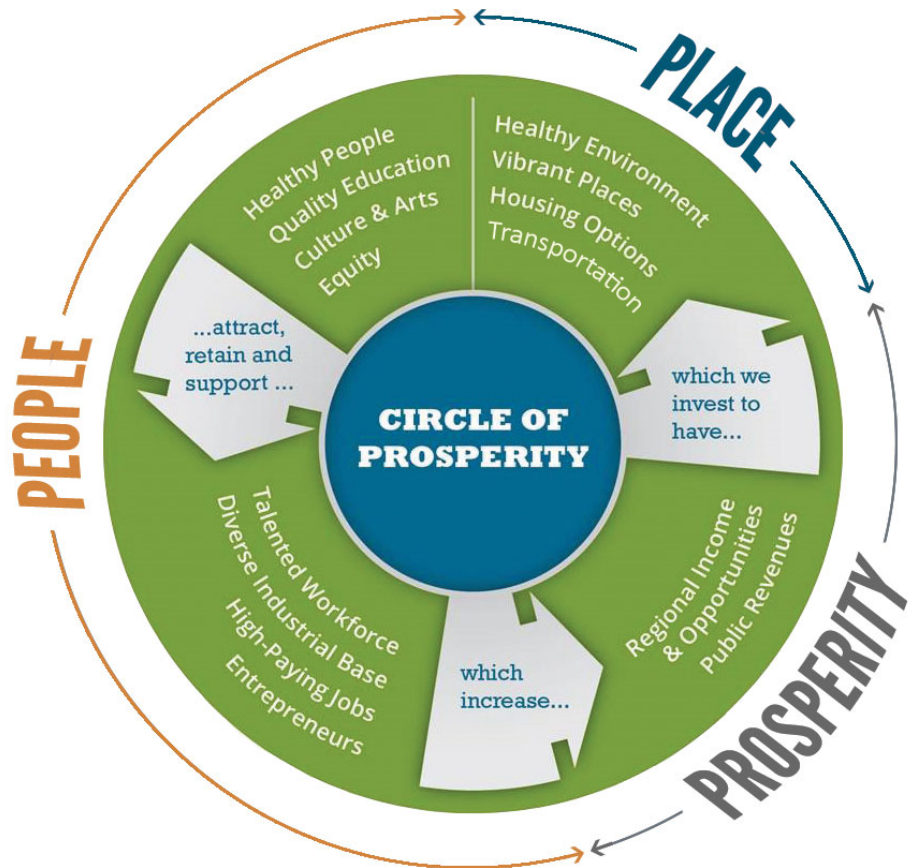
## December 11, 2018

### Agenda & Program

- 7:30 Registration, breakfast, and networking
- 8:00 Welcome – Chris Roy, CCRPC Chair
- 8:05 Introductions
- 8:10 Key Issues Presentation and Discussion  
– Charlie Baker, CCRPC Executive Director
- 8:50 Follow-up discussion
- 9:00 Adjourn, continue networking

# Implementing our ECOS Plan

- Circle of Prosperity
- Continued investment in Chittenden County/Northwest VT is critical to further the financial health of Vermont's economy and government expenditures to support the social safety net, environmental protection, and public services.



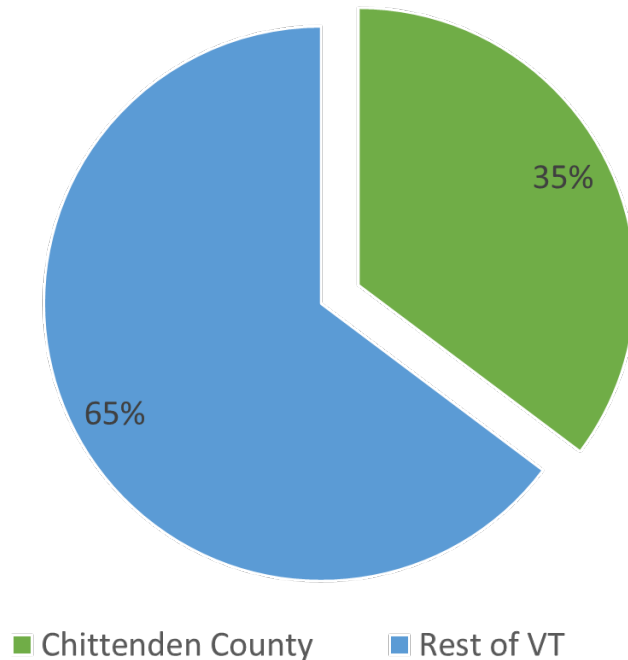
# Chittenden Co/Northwest VT support for Vermont's Economy

## Key Issues from GBIC:

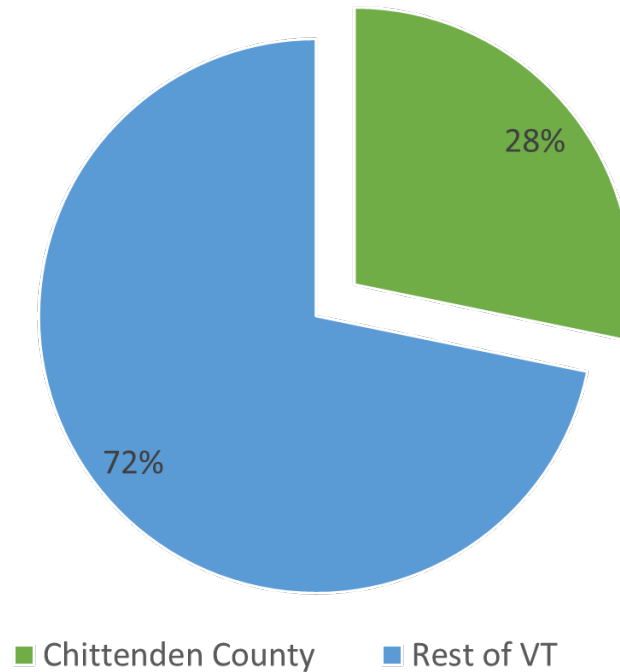
- While Vermont wasn't as negatively impacted as other regions throughout the country during the recession, we never saw the significant economic rebound many experienced.
- Key employers are doing well, but require a higher skilled and adaptable workforce. Operational efficiencies, technology and innovation are fueling growth.
- Several growth sector employers are contemplating expansions, but few have moved forward with investments in property or hiring.
- GLOBALFOUNDRIES business remains strong. They are looking to sell the Williston Campus and Vermont operations do not appear to be at risk.
  - GF Williston site should be seen as an asset for future economic development in Chittenden County.

# Chittenden County Tax Contribution

Personal Income Tax Contribution - 2016

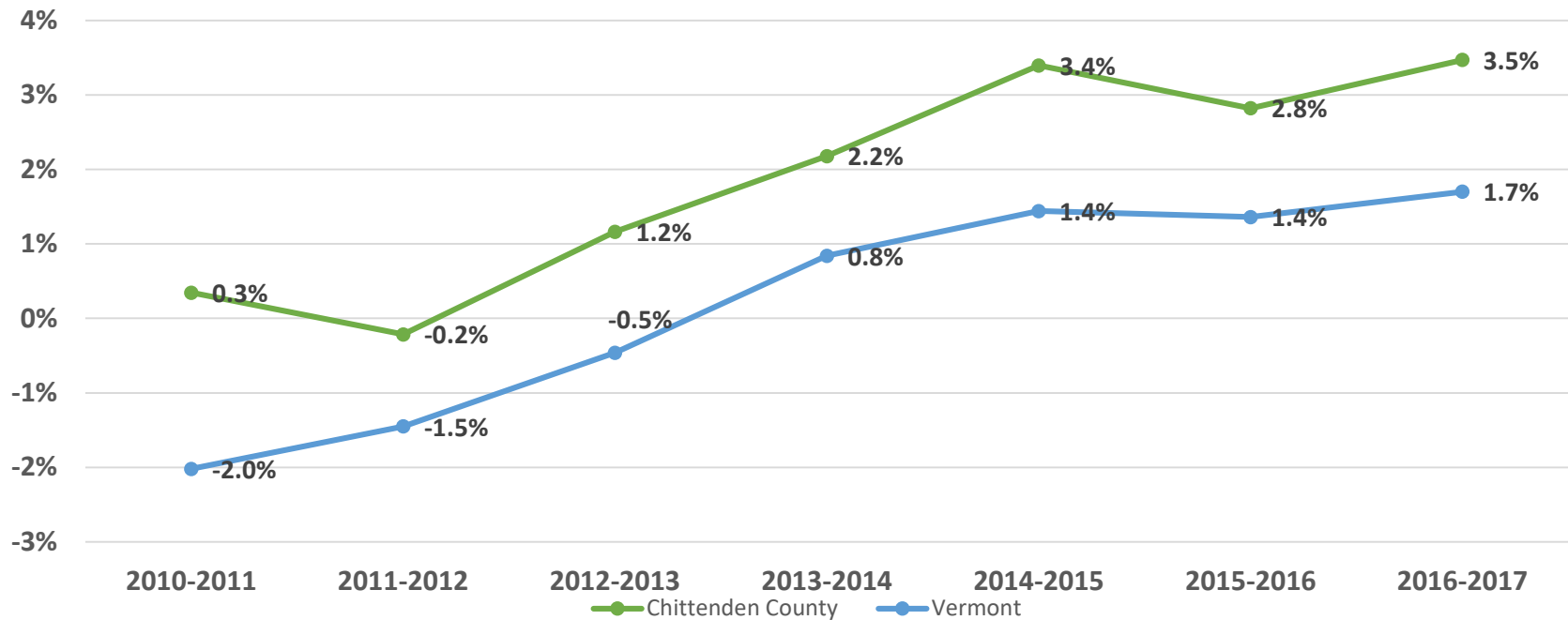


Retail & Use Tax Taxable Receipts - 2016



# Property Valuation

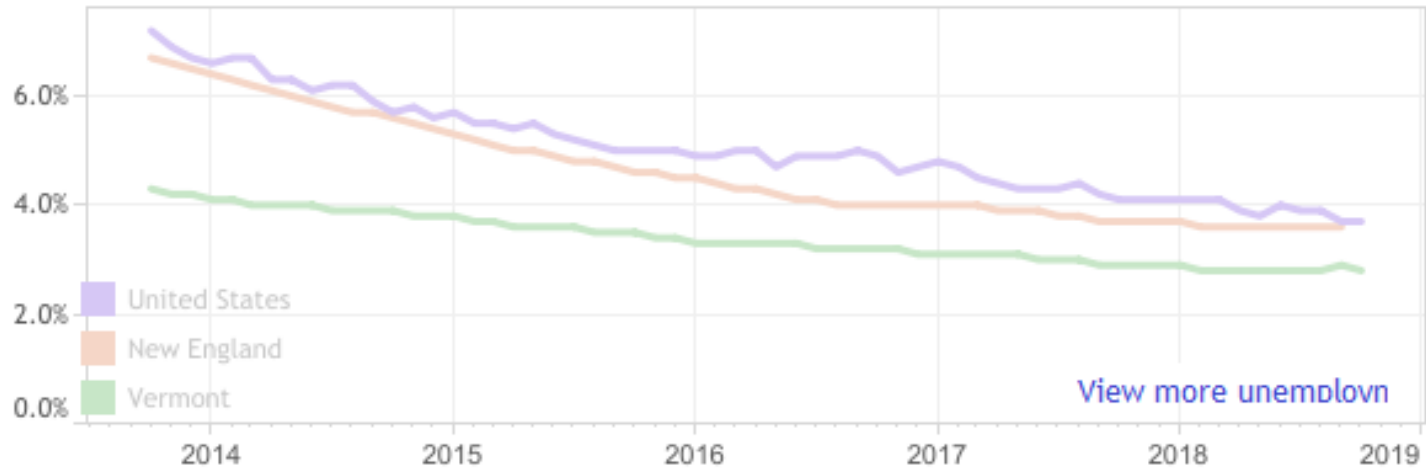
Percent Change in Total Equalized Education Grand List Value for Chittenden County  
Municipalities and Vermont



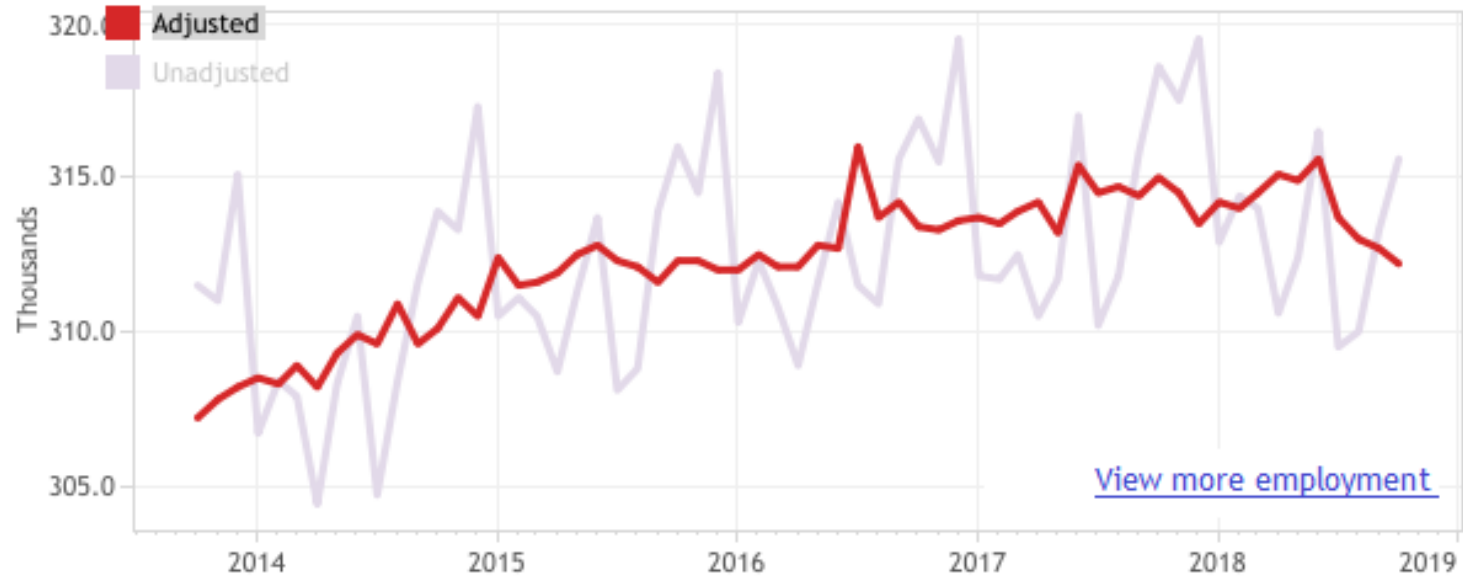
Source: Vermont Department of Taxes, Property Valuation & Review Annual Report (2010-2017)

- Chittenden County has 27% of Vermont's Equalized Education Grand List value

## Unemployment Rate, seasonally adjusted



## Vermont Nonfarm Payroll Employment



Date

Sep 2013 to Oct 2018

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# Workforce

- Vermont and Chittenden County labor market is at virtual full employment. Both the state and the county are experiencing a plateau in labor force participation, and Chittenden County has seen a net decline in employment from last year.
  - Workforce continues to be one of GBIC's major areas of concentration. GBIC is leading Vermont Workforce Development Board in working with the Governor, the Legislature and employers to address Vermont's challenges.
  - VSAC-VSC report Senior Survey of the Class of 2012 to 2016
    - 52% of Vermont High School Graduates either go on to NO higher education or are not enrolled within 4 years.
- ***Implement Vermont State Workforce Development Board recommendations.***

# Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

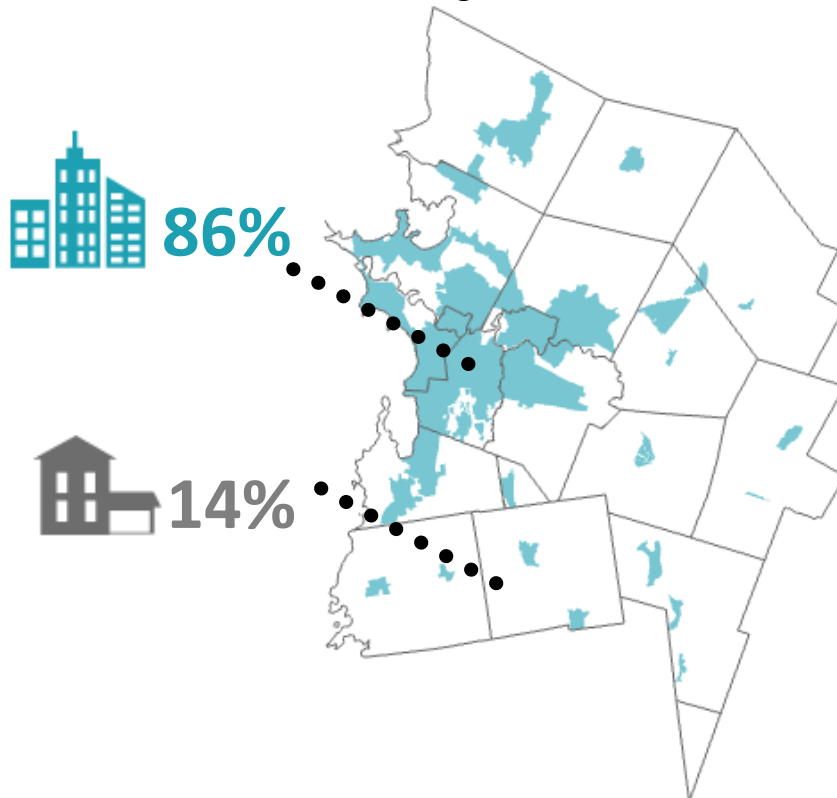
- Municipalities, Agency of Human Services, UVM-MC, Howard Center and other partners are working together on these issues
    - Street Outreach; Community Outreach | <http://howardcenter.org/mental-health/community-support/#outreach>
    - CommStat | <https://www.ecosproject.com/chittenden-county-opioid-alliance/alliance/action-teams/communitystat-rapid-intervention-team>
    - Chittenden County Opioid Alliance | <https://www.ecosproject.com/chittenden-county-opioid-alliance>
- ***Continued and increased State investment in these innovative interventions is needed.***



# Smart Growth

## Homes Built in Chittenden County 2013-2017

5-Year Average for Net New Units



## 2017 Smart Growth Result

- For the sixth year in a row, Chittenden County has exceeded its [ECOS Plan goal](#) of 80% of development occurring within planned growth areas.
- Of the total 659 residential net units built in Chittenden County, **86% (564)** were in areas planned for growth.
- *Improvements to the permitting system: Commission on Act 250*
- *Invest in village water/wastewater*

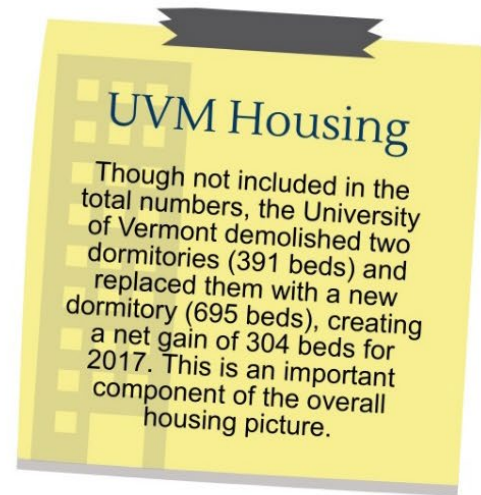
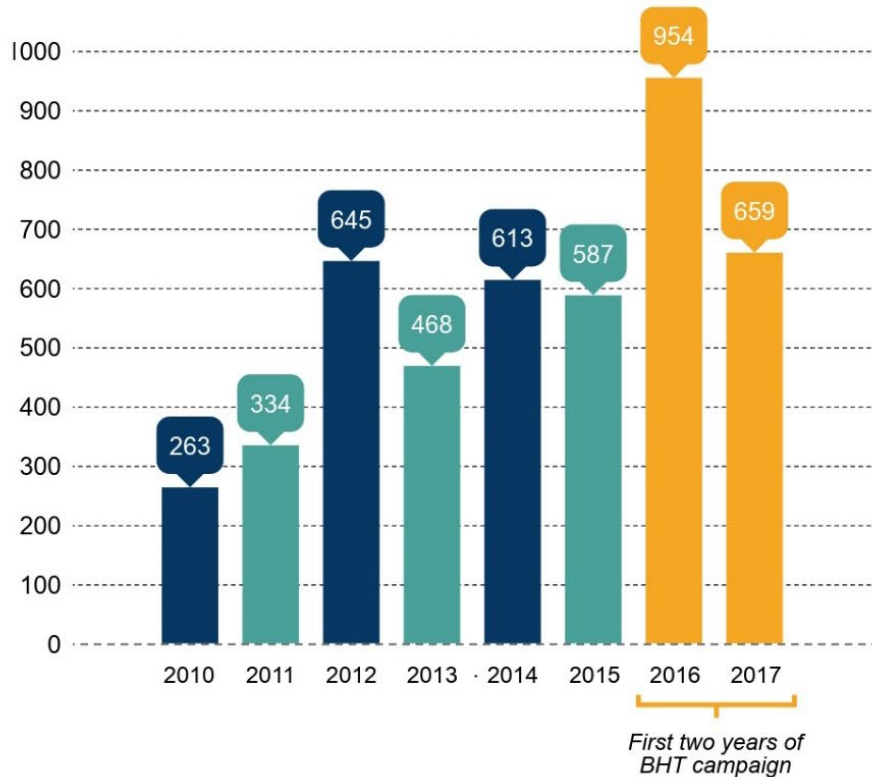


# Building Homes Together

*A campaign to strengthen Chittenden County communities*



**Goal:** *Average of 700 new homes/year for five years. (Over the first two years, 1,613 new homes were built.)*



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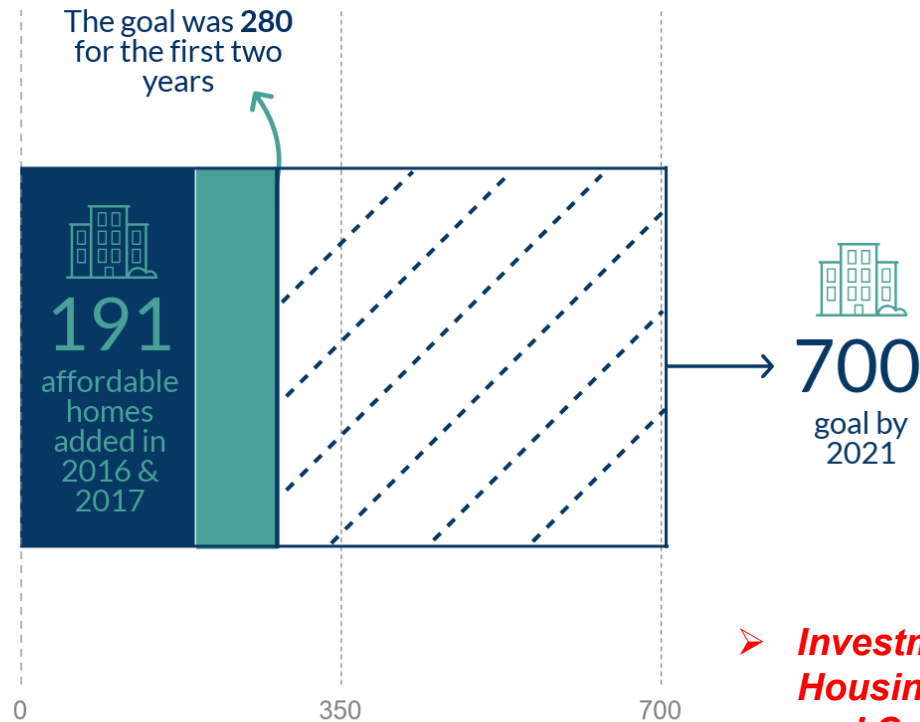


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Goal: **140 new affordable homes/year on average for a total of 700 over the five-year campaign.**  
(Over the first two years, 191 affordable homes were added, falling short of the 280 goal.)



➤ **Investments in affordable housing: Housing Bond & Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB)**



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# 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

## ➤ Invest in all Capital Program & Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects

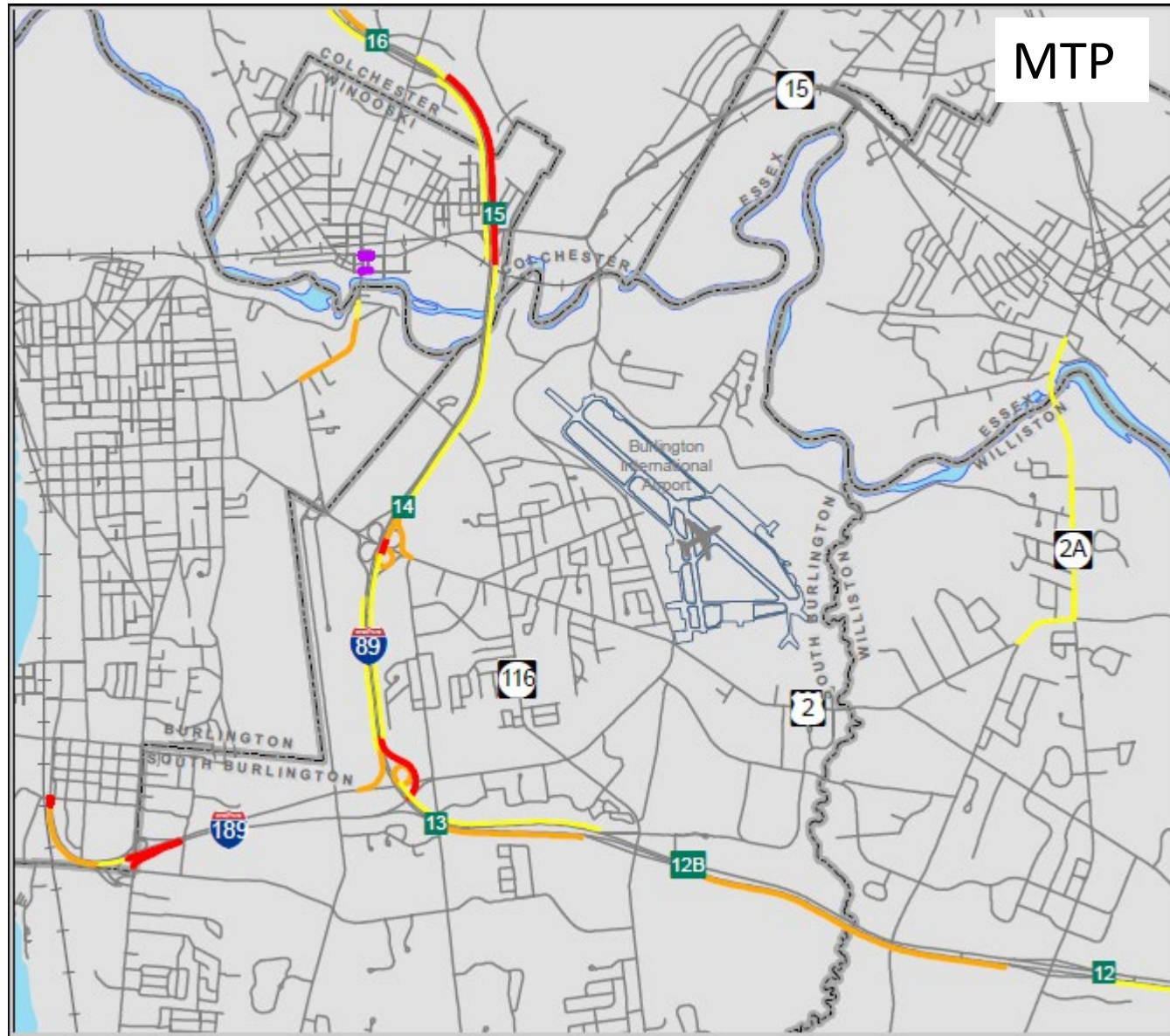
- Third Lane on I-89 between Exits 14 and 15
- Exit 12B placeholder (14, 14N, other?)
  - I-89 2050 Study (entirety of Interstate in Chittenden County)
- Intelligent Transportation System Investments
- Transit enhancements – *Additional funding and new funding system*
  - 20 minute headways on all routes, every day
  - New Colchester loop
- Increases in walking/biking
- Land-use concentration
  - 90% of housing growth in areas planned for growth

# I-89 2050 Study

MTP

## Congestion Levels (v/c ratio)

- Light Congestion (0.70 - 0.79)
- Moderate Congestion (0.80 - 0.89)
- Severe Congestion (0.90 - 1.00)
- Over Capacity (> 1.00)



# Water Quality Funding

- Should have a state-wide perspective and not just focus on Lake Champlain.
- Keep the focus on making investments that have the “biggest bang for the buck.”
- *Need to change the relationship of DEC with the partners to more cooperation and partnership than contractual*
- *We need a major increase in Planning & Project Development funding (20-30% of total) to feed the pipeline of projects.*
- *Start working to develop the statewide funding mechanism and project deliver system (maybe at a more regional level?).*

**Note: Please keep in mind that any municipal costs that are not covered by the State will still be borne by taxpayers at the municipal level. 80% cost share is needed.**

# Act 250 & Permit System Change

- This is a critical issue for Chittenden Co. and Vermont
  - *Improve incentives for smart growth development*
    - *Including village wastewater and water*
  - *Improve communication and coordination between state and municipal permits*
  - *End any duplication of review between Act 250, State agencies, and municipalities – single review for each issue*



# Regional & Municipal Planning

- Regional Planning and Municipal Grant funding through ACCD has not increased in 5 years
- More demands to help:
  - Water quality, Energy, Resilience, Climate, Economy, etc.
- ***Support an increase in Property Transfer Tax funds to the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund closer to the statutory formula of 17% of the PPT***
  - *RPCs were at 56% (~\$2M less) of the formula in FY19*
  - *MPGs were at 31% (~\$1M less) of the formula in FY19*





- Burlington, Colchester, Milton, South Burlington, Williston and Winooski voted to form the Chittenden County Public Safety Authority at Town Meeting 2018
- Evaluating providing service to members at one time rather than incrementally. Hired a consultant to explore and assist.
- CCPSA Board, Public Safety Chiefs, and dispatchers have been and will be involved as this progresses.
- Other progress: Joined VLCT and PACIF, 911 Board permission, Williston managing finances, logo developed by CCRPC.

# CCRPC Resources

- **ECOS Scorecard** | 90+ indicators tied to our ECOS Plan goals relating to people, place, and prosperity | <https://app.resultsscorecard.com/Scorecard/Embed/8502>
- **Our Communities** | A link to all of our municipalities; our current and past work with each; links to their websites; basic data | <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-communities/>
- **Current Transportation Projects** | Organized by topic | <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/current-projects/>
- **ECOS Map Viewer** | State, regional & municipal data layers | <http://map.ccrpcvt.org/ChittendenCountyVT>
- **Data** | Links to various transportation, socioeconomic, and geo data | <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/data>
- **Transportation Partner Support** | Local Motion, CATMA, CarShare VT, Neighbor Rides, GMT

# CCRPC Current Work

This is only a snapshot of current CCRPC work; for more information view our 2017 Annual Report at [www.ccrpcvt.org/annual-reports](http://www.ccrpcvt.org/annual-reports)

- **Water Quality** | Completed road erosion inventories for all municipalities. Working with towns to prioritize and develop conceptual designs. Stormwater master plans for rural municipalities.
  - **Transportation Studies** | Corridor studies, scoping, safety, traffic signal timing analyses, and inventories.
  - **Elderly & Disabled Transportation Program Evaluation** | Working with GMT and United Way and the providers
  - **Municipal Energy Plans** | Analysis and plan development assistance to municipalities, following CCRPC's Determination of Energy Compliance.
  - **Housing** | Building Homes Together campaign and regional housing convenings.
  - **Brownfields** | Providing funding for soil contamination assessment for redevelopment.
  - **Land Use** | Municipal plan, bylaw, and capital program assistance
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# Thank you!

## Questions/Discussion?

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