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Clarification Re: July 7 Media Coverage of South Burlington VT116/Kimball Avenue/Tilley Drive Land Use & Transportation Study

South Burlington, VT – The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) would like to clarify statements made in a story reported by Local 22 WVNY and Local 44 WFFF on July 7, 2020 regarding the VT116/Kimball Avenue/Tilley Drive Land Use and Transportation Study in South Burlington. Results of this study were presented on July 6, 2020 during the South Burlington City Council meeting.

The VT116/Kimball Avenue/Tilley Drive Land Use and Transportation Study was conducted to gain an understanding of how future development in the project area, which extends north and south of I-89 and east and west of Hinesburg Road, would impact the adjacent transportation network. The project evaluated a number of different improvements including new walking and biking facilities, increased transit service, and a number of roadway and intersection improvements. The story reported by Local 22 / Local 44 incorrectly indicated that recommendations were made as a result of this study; it is important to reiterate that the study does not make recommendations but is to be used to provide information to inform future decisions.

Further, the study concluded that both I-89 Exit 12B and Swift Street Extension provide minimal benefits in the project area, and that improvements to the existing network (intersection upgrades), new connector roads, additional walking and biking facilities, and increased transit services are able to accommodate the projected growth in the area without their construction.

Additional information on this study can be found on CCRPC's website: <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/current-projects/corridors-circulation/vt116-kimball-tilley-land-use-transportation-plan/>

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