



**Chittenden County
Metropolitan Planning
Organization**

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN BULLETIN #1

Help Build Our Transportation Future

SPEAK OUT ON **JANUARY 26, 2002** AT THE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS WORKSHOP

You can help make better transportation a reality for Chittenden County!

Join us at the Regional Transportation Solutions Workshop on January 26. This six hour public gathering offers you a unique opportunity to learn about the County's transportation problems and explore possible solutions.

The Workshop is presented by The Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO). As a federally mandated agency, the CCMPO plans, prioritizes, and coordinates the use of about \$30 million in annual transportation funding. The CCMPO's long-range transportation plan, first developed in 1997, will be updated in 2002 to reflect new data and new public input. A major source of this public input is the Regional Transportation Solutions Workshop described here.

The Workshop gives you an opportunity to be part of the action. Start a dialog with key decision makers. Find new solutions to transportation issues that affect you and your family every day. You'll have fun and meet thoughtful people, and you'll be a voice for positive change.

So join us on January 26, and share your thoughts, ideas, and experiences. You'll share a journey toward a better transportation system in Chittenden County — for yourself, your children, and every member of our community.

What you'll do at the Workshop

In the morning, you and the other Workshop participants will convene to learn about transportation problems and improvement strategies in Chittenden County. Transportation experts will provide the background you'll need for a constructive dialog.

Following the initial session, you'll join one of several small groups that form to consider a specific problem and possible solutions. Teams of facilitators will assist each group in discussing its topic and recording its ideas.

All sessions will be informal, lively, and engaging. Break times and a lunch hour will provide opportunities to relax and prepare for the next session.

For more details, see the full Workshop Schedule on the back of this bulletin.

Five reasons to participate

All of us value our weekends. So why devote a Saturday to the Workshop? Here are some good reasons:

1. You'll learn about the transportation issues affecting our county.
2. You'll discover exciting new ideas for making your travel safer, more efficient, and more convenient.
3. You'll enjoy a complementary lunch, lively discussions, and the opportunity to win door prizes.
4. You'll meet key officials who plan and coordinate the county's transportation system.
5. You'll make your voice heard and have a real impact on our transportation future.

Workshop Information

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2002

Time: 8:30am to 2:40pm

Place: Winooski High School

Directions:

From I-89: Take Exit 16 and turn south onto Route 7. Continue approximately 1/4 mile. Just after the Go-Go gas station, turn left onto Normand Street. Take the middle entrance, where a sign says "Winooski Community Theater."

A quick guide to transportation terms

CCMPO

(Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization)

A federally mandated agency that plans, prioritizes, and coordinates the use of federal, state, and local transportation funds. Its members include key officials from Chittenden County's 18 municipalities, as well as representative from the private sector and federal, state, and local agencies.

CCTA

(Chittenden County Transportation Authority) A transit provider that offers bus and shuttle services, a ridesharing program, and transportation for Medicaid recipients and people who cannot use the bus. It is governed by a ten-member Board of Commissioners.

MTP

(Metropolitan Transportation Plan) The CCMPO's long-range transportation plan, developed in 1997. A forthcoming update will incorporate public input from the Regional Transportation Solutions Workshop.

VTA

(Vermont Transportation Authority) Operates the Champlain Flyer, a commuter train serving Burlington, South Burlington, Shelburne, and Charlotte.

VTrans

(Vermont Agency of Transportation) A state agency responsible for maintaining our existing infrastructure and developing an integrated transportation network that includes rail, air, public transit, and bicycles/ pedestrians.

Register now!

Call us at 865-1794 to register today, or visit our Web site —www.ccmpto.org — and click on the MTP link. We'll respond by sending you a complete set of informational materials to help you prepare for the workshop.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

MORNING

Registration and coffee 8:30 – 9:00

Welcome and introduction 9:00 – 9:10

You will meet the Workshop facilitators and learn about the Workshop's purpose, format, and schedule.

Background information 9:10 – 9:40

A look at current and anticipated transportation issues, travel patterns, and the vision and goals of the CCMPO.

Transportation strategies 9:40 – 10:00

An explanation of the effectiveness, advantages, disadvantages, costs, and benefits of various transportation approaches.

Break time/Small group formation 10:00 – 10:15

A chance to rest before you join one of the small discussion groups.

Discussion of transit strategies 10:15 – 10:35

Your small group will discuss bus and rail transit, and related improvements to the transit system.

Discussion of bicycle/pedestrian strategies 10:35 – 10:55

Your small group will discuss bicycle and pedestrian transportation, as well as potential improvements to non-motorized transportation facilities.

Break time 10:55 – 11:05

Another opportunity for rest, relaxation, and informal networking.

Discussion of growth and development patterns 11:05 – 11:25

Your small group will discuss land use planning from a variety of perspectives: problems, issues, and potential new policies and activities.

Discussion of highway strategies 11:25 – 11:45

Your small group will discuss highway-oriented strategies, issues, and potential improvements.

Discussion of strategy combinations 11:45 – 12:05

Your small group will discuss combined transportation strategies that could provide the greatest benefits to our county.

AFTERNOON

Lunch 12:05 – 1:00

Join other participants and enjoy a complimentary meal.

Reporting 1:00 – 2:00

The facilitator will report on the results of your group efforts.

Discussion of themes 2:00 – 2:30

A look at the consistent themes that emerged from the small group discussions.

Conclusion/Awarding of door prizes 2:30 – 2:40

A final thank-you for your participation, and a chance to win door prizes.