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TO: Interested Parties
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SUBJECT: 2007 Enhancements Program Schedule and Process



The Enhancements Program is an exciting and innovative transportation program managed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation. This program can be a funding source for transportation-related activities in Vermont such as new sidewalks, bike paths, historic preservation, environmental mitigation and more. The goal is to create a multi-modal and environmentally sustainable transportation system that encourages non-motorized use and enhances Vermont's historic landscapes and human scale of development.

We particularly wish to highlight that construction and reconstruction of Town salt sheds is eligible for Enhancement funding, under the Mitigation of Highway Run-off criterion. In order for a salt shed project to be eligible for funding, it must be documented that a site-specific water pollution problem exists with the current salt storage site and that construction of the new facility will effectively mitigate this pollution.

All local authorities, not for profit organizations and federal/state agencies are eligible to apply by submitting a pre-application letter by June 2, 2006.

This is the first step in the application process. VTrans will then sponsor two informational workshops on June 19 and June 20 about the application process. (See Appendix A of the attached Grant Application Form and Instructions for times and locations.) Attendance at one of these is mandatory for all sponsors who did not receive a 2006 award for an Enhancement project that includes full funding for construction.

Final and complete applications are due at the Division of Policy and Planning, VTrans, by 4:30 PM, Friday, August 18, 2006.

I strongly urge you to work with your Regional Planning Commission; in Chittenden County with the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization. These organizations are an invaluable resource and can help you refine your project.

The Agency is committed to this program and working with applicants to have successful projects. This is not a grant but a reimbursable program that must follow Federal Highway Administration rules. We try to simplify the process and encourage as broad and creative a range of applicants and projects as possible.

I have attached the 2007 Grant Application Form and Instructions.

Please call Sandy Aja at (802) 828-2544 if you have any questions about the process. We look forward to working with you.

Attach.