



Chittenden County
Metropolitan Planning
Organization

Executive Director's Report

Communities working together to meet Chittenden County's transportation needs

FISCAL YEAR 2008 – April 2008

April saw most of our major initiatives and projects continuing to make progress to completion. Here is a sampling of what was accomplished in the last month.

The Chittenden County Traffic Alert Program has resumed for the 2008 construction season. Please see the MPO website (<http://www.ccmpto.info/cta/>) or subscribe for weekly email alerts by contacting ccmpo@aol.com

Huntington's Selectboard reviewed the draft *traffic calming* plan in April and will host a public hearing in May.

Shelburne Street Rotary Study continued with the Burlington City Councilor discussing and endorsing the studies recommendations. The Council has requested additional analysis related to a slip lane covering part of the roundabout which the consultants are working on.

The *Westford Sidewalk Study* continued with a public meeting to review existing conditions and to hear comments from the public.

The *Circ Williston EIS* process continues, though the public comment period is now closed. VTrans and FHWA are now considering how best to be responsive to the comments received through the formal process. For more information and to see all of the submitted comments please go to <http://www.circeis.org>.

Two Focus Groups, one on *Freight Issues* and the second on *Economic Development* in the western corridor, were conducted—staff participated in both groups. MPO staff reviewed and provided comments to the prime consultant on a second draft of the “Existing Conditions” report. Staff also worked closely with the highway sub-consultant to re-define the highway segments (and intersections) that should be analyzed for this study.

Final preparations for *Way To Go Week* were conducted with intensive efforts in signing up participants and preparing for the kick off celebration. Participation was trending ahead of last year!

The *Queen City Park Road Bridge* scoping study is complete.

The alignment analysis for a new exit off the interstate, *I-89 Exit 12B*, continued with the consultant evaluating existing conditions. The traffic report has been completed and is under review.

Scoping for the intersection of *Vermont Route 15 / Ethan Allen Avenue* continued with the consultant completing the existing conditions report. The local concerns meeting to take place in May.

The lane capacity analysis at *US2/Exit 14/Staples Lane* in South Burlington continued with the consultant collecting existing conditions data. Also local concerns meeting will be held in early May so preparatory work for that meeting was accomplished.

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Staff has developed an online search application for the *CCMPO Studies & Reports library* ~ <http://www.ccmpto.info/library/> . Staff is in process of adding all studies to the underlying database and will eventually link this to the CCMPO website.

Data collection continues as we respond to requests for communities. See <http://www.ccmpto.org/data/counts.html> for more data information. All CCMPO-collected ATR (AADT's) are now posted online. CCMPO has purchased a new infrared bicycle & pedestrian counter from Eco-counter to enhance our ability to get good data from these modes.

If you would like *more detailed information*, please feel free to check our detailed Progress Report at: http://www.ccmpto.org/monthly_progress/ or contact Scott Johnstone at 660-4071 * 15 or sjohnstone@ccmpto.org.