

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### FISCAL YEAR 2008 – December 2007

December 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 *Westford Road Safety Audit Report's* was implemented with the installation of new signage to improve safety as recommended in the report.

Huntington residents participated in a *traffic calming* walking tour to gauge ideas that might work in their community. Recommendations will be provided to the Town in early 2008.

189 *Exit 12 Park and Ride study* is underway. The draft report is expected in January.

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>.

Work is underway to *optimize the signals* in the *Dorset Street Corridor*. Work to implement optimization will be complete by January 31, 2008.

The *Route 15 Corridor Study* continued with drafting of the final report as the primary activity during the month. This draft report should be available for review by stakeholders over the coming month.

The *Milton Town Core Traffic Study* draft report was delivered in December and a steering committee meeting was held. The consultant will be revising the report in response to comments suggesting the town's growth projections were overly optimistic. A revised report is expected in late January and a public meeting is planned for February 2008

Continued work with Town of Hinesburg staff and project consultant as part of *United We Ride grant* project. Volunteer driver and subsidized taxi voucher programs are to be established as a result of the analysis performed under this grant.

Four selected schools in our region have begun the safe routes to school process as a result of our "*SR2S Lite*" program.

Work on our update of the *regions Bike / Pedestrian Plan* continued with survey work of our member communities.

The Burlington Business Association completed its *downtown employee survey* on transportation issues in December. This survey is critical to the BBA understanding if a Transportation Management Association may be viable in the central business district. Results are now being analyzed with results expected soon.

Way to go week is coming soon (actually May, but its never too soon to sign up!). Major improvements this year have been made to the functionality of the web site, so hopefully you will find it quite easy to use. [http:// www.waytogovt.org/](http://www.waytogovt.org/)

The *Vermont Route 15 / Sand Hill Road intersection* scoping study continued with the report being finalized.

The *Queen City Park Road Bridge* scoping study continued with the draft report being completed. It is currently being reviewed by the City of Burlington.

The *Bridge Street Bridge* scoping study continued with the draft report being completed. It is being reviewed by the Town of Richmond.

The alignment analysis for a new exit off the interstate, *I-89 Exit 12B*, continued with the consultant evaluating existing conditions.

Scoping for the intersection of *Vermont Route 15 / Ethan Allen Avenue* continued with the consultant working on traffic data collection and analysis.

Scoping of the intersections of *Vermont Route 2A / James Brown Drive* continued with the consultant working on traffic data collection and analysis.

The *Chittenden Traffic Alert Program*, <http://ccmpo.org/cta/index.html>, has shut down for the winter season. We expect it to be back in the April May timeframe, once construction begins again.

Staff from Channel 17 attended December CCMPO staff meeting to discuss ways to effectively reach and engage the public using streaming video technology; video of CCMPO board meetings will be available on the Channel 17 website.

<http://www.channel17.org/index.php?SiteAlias=cctv&PageAlias=Ch17%20CCMPO>. This technology allows the user to gain access to our meetings online, but also with the ability to watch only those agenda items of interest. Check it out and let us know if it is useful!

*Data collection* continues as we respond to requests for communities. See <http://www.ccmpo.org/data/counts.html> for more data information.

FHWA has transferred funds for the Vermont add-on to the *2008 National Household Travel Survey* (NHTS). The MPO has partnered with the University of Vermont Transportation Center and VTrans to secure about 1,500 travel surveys statewide, with 1/3 of them in Chittenden County. This survey data will provide a necessary update to the fundamental data that drives our transportation model.

An *RFP for transportation model* consultant services is under development and expected to be issued in January 2008. This project will allow the MPO to move to a day based transportation model with will allow us to more accurately perform air quality modeling as we move towards an uncertain attainment / non-attainment status with federal air quality standards.

The MPO hosted the House Transportation Committee on December 13<sup>th</sup>, taking them on a tour of bridges in Chittenden County and then providing testimony on our preservation and maintenance needs. Be sure to thank members of that committee for taking their time to visit our region.

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