

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2007 – March 2007

The CCMPO, in cooperation with local pedestrian and bicycle groups is hosting a *regional pedestrian and bicycle summit* on the morning of May 12th of this spring. Mark your calendars for this exciting event. For more information please go to our website at <http://www.ccmppo.org/BikePed/>.

Way to go week is coming soon – May 7th to 11th. Please go to our W2G website to learn more and to sign up! <http://www.waytogovt.org/>. The program this year includes a much wider audience, now including much of the central Vermont region in an effort to attract more commuters to participate.

The *Western Vermont Corridor Study* has accepted proposals from six consultant teams to perform this study. Selection of a consultant will occur in April or early May with work then proceeding immediately.

The *Route 2 Corridor Study* is nearly complete, with a draft plan to be reviewed by the steering committee in late April.

Planning Assistance and Coordination is a critical part of our work. Many projects were advanced this month, with the following highlights:

Data collection continues as we respond to requests for communities. See <http://www.ccmppo.org/data/counts.html> for more data information. Staff has begun a countywide parking database to assist us in share use parking analysis and park and ride analysis, in addition to being a resource for our communities.

The *Underhill Flats sidewalk feasibility study* continues with comments on the draft report expected from VTTrans in March, leading to completion of the study.

The *Richmond village parking study* final draft report has been received and is scheduled for presentation to the Selectboard in early April.

The committee guiding the development of a *transportation plan for Burlington* heard a presentation on street design guidelines and continued discussion of parking issues. The draft plan is expected to be available in June.

The *Chittenden Traffic Alert Program*, <http://ccmpo.org/cta/index.html>, is up and running again for the construction season. Please do use this resource to understand where you might run into construction related traffic delays.

Our *Small Communities Project* continues to gain traction with a first gathering with Huntington officials this past month. The goal is to make sure the smaller communities in our region know of the MPO, what services and grants are available, and generally to make sure they have the same opportunity to participate and succeed in resolving their transportation related issues as other communities.

The *Transportation Improvement Program* for fiscal years 2008 – 2011 is currently under development. Communities Board and TAC members have been contacted for review of potential items for this important project programming tool.

The *Colchester/Essex/Essex Junction, Route 15 Bicycle/Pedestrian Path* consultant has been evaluating the portion of the path from West Street to VT2A in Essex Junction against the most recent standards and guidance for such projects. The consultant is also reevaluating the section between Fort Ethan Allen and Lime Kiln Road for possible alternatives adjacent to Route 15.

The Local Concerns meeting was held for the *Queen City Park Road Bridge* scoping project. The consultant is currently developing alternatives.

The Richmond Bridge Committee is working with staff to develop a scope of work and contract for the *Bridge Street Bridge* scoping project.

The *Silver Street* scoping report for Hinesburg is finished. The reports are to be received from the consultant in April.

Bylaw amendments for the CCMPO have been crafted by the strategic planning committee. Modest modifications to our committee structure as well as some necessary housekeeping changes are among the changes suggested. Towns will be provided the opportunity to review and comment on any bylaw modifications prior to adoption.

The MPO will be hosting an *innovative finance workshop* on the morning of June 4th of this year to consider the challenges and options to address our transportation system needs.

The MPO has selected a project management tool for implementation. Once up and running Town officials and potentially even members of the public will be able to review progress on projects of local importance on line. More to come over the next quarter on this effort.

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.

