

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2008 – March 2008

March 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.

Staff is prioritizing 10 high hazard locations and 10 programmatic corridors for this summer's *High Risk Rural Roads* (HRRR) program. *Road Safety Audit Reviews* (RSARs) will be conducted for 2-3 high hazard locations and safety field reviews will be conducted for 1-3 programmatic corridors.

Huntington's steering committee on *traffic calming* met in March to discuss a revised draft of the traffic calming plan for the Lower Village and Huntington Center. The Selectboard will consider the report in early April and a public hearing is anticipated in May.

189 *Exit 12 Park and Ride study* continued with the consultant providing an addendum to the original report analyzing a proposed access coming out of the park and ride onto VT 2A further south in the vicinity of the slaughterhouse. The report found this new access could function for the park and ride as an unsignalized intersection until additional development occurred on the two parcels at which time a signal would likely be warranted.

Shelburne Street Rotary Study continued with MPO staff together with staff from Burlington DPW, VTrans and RSG meeting with a number of City Councilors to discuss the safety program, results of the alternative analyses and other concerns. Based on these discussions, RSG will be doing additional analyses on a modified roundabout alternative.

A project kick-off meeting was held for the *Westford Sidewalk Study* with MPO staff, RSG staff, the Westford Planning Coordinator, and Town Center Committee Members. This meeting was held to finalize the scope of work and visit the project study area. A public meeting is scheduled for mid-April to present current conditions and outline next steps.

A scope of work for a *pedestrian and traffic circulation study* at the Jericho Elementary School was developed. Town staff and school officials are interested in improving pedestrian access on the school grounds and reducing pedestrian/vehicle conflicts. Town staff will provide feedback on the scope of work before submitting to the consultant for a budget estimate.

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>.

Staff worked with the public participation consultant to plan for the first two (out of 6 budgeted) Focus Groups for the Western Vermont Corridor Study. Focus Groups on *Freight* and *Economic Development* in the western corridor are scheduled for April 1st and 2nd

respectively at Middlebury College. The preliminary “Existing Conditions” report— will be delivered in early April for review.

The *Route 15 Corridor Study* continued with the revised Plan summary to be sent to the Stakeholders for their final review and comment in early April. MPO staff will also be revising all interim study reports (Existing and Future Conditions, Vision, Goals and Strategies and Implementation Plan) that will be compiled into the Route 15 Corridor Final Report. Both the Plan Summary and Final Report will be posted on the CCMPO’s web site for Public Comment by late April/early May.

The final report for the *Milton Town Core Traffic Study* was presented to the Milton Selectboard in February and copies of the report were provided to the town in March.

A previous Transportation for Livable Communities project award for Milton for a *Town Core Streetscape and Design Study* was completed.

Staff developed a *transportation survey* for Charlotte residents to explore possible transit options at the request of the community

Work on our update of the *regions Bike / Pedestrian Plan* continued with the first public meeting held to present and gather feedback on draft Vision and Goal statements and Education/Encouragement Program.

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/). Business outreach efforts are ramped up in an effort to get folks signed up and training sessions for interested employers have been completed.

The *VT15/Sand Hill Road intersection* scoping study is complete.

The *Queen City Park Road Bridge* scoping study is being finalized at this time.

The *Bridge Street 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 April or May.

Scoping of the intersections of *Vermont Route 2A / James Brown Drive* continued with the completion of the existing conditions report.

The *US2/North Williston Road/Oak Hill Road* in Williston continues with the consultant currently evaluating existing conditions.

The lane capacity analysis at *US2/Exit 14/Staples Lane* in South Burlington continued with the consultant collecting existing conditions data.

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.

Data collection continues as we respond to requests for communities. See <http://www.ccmpo.org/data/counts.html> for more data information. All CCMPO-collected ATR (AADT's) are now posted online. Additionally all VTrans-collected 2006 AADT's have been added to the database. CCMPO has purchased a new infrared bicycle & pedestrian counter from Eco-counter to enhance our ability to get good data from these modes.

The 2008 National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) will be completed with the MPO, the University of Vermont Transportation Center and VTrans as partners 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. The current schedule for receiving this data is April of 2009.

The MPO rolled out our *Blue Ribbon Commission on innovative Finance* on March 31st with a kick off meeting of the commission and all of the work groups. Recommendations are expected to be complete by December.

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