

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2007 – May 2007

The MPO Board will host a public hearing on our *annual work plan and budget* on June 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the MPO offices in South Burlington. They will likely then vote on the work plan. The work plan can be found at <http://www.ccmpto.org/UPWP/>.

Way to go week planning and implementation was in full force in April. The event occurred May 7 – 11. More information is available at <http://www.waytogovt.org/>. This year, through our collective efforts we drove 283,000 fewer miles and contributed over 243,000 pounds less of carbon dioxide to our environment. Thanks to all who participated, who by the way collectively saved about \$46,000 in fuel purchases as a wonderful benefit of their actions.

Our Regional Bike and Pedestrian Summit, which was held on May 12th, resulted in a great turnout at the event. The participants helped us all to identify the gaps in our regional bicycle and pedestrian network. This input will help us to focus on those priorities and also to begin the process of updating our regional bike and pedestrian plan over the coming year.

The *Western Vermont Corridor Study* is working through the consultant selection process. Work on this initiative would then proceed immediately.

The *Route 2 Corridor Study* is nearly complete, with a public celebration of the process and commitments made to occurring on June 6th. As a result of comments received at the celebration the document will be modified and prepared for final approval and distribution. The communities of Burlington, South Burlington, and Williston have committed to tackle some initiatives from the study and accomplish them this year showing that this planning tool can create real momentum to create change and progress.

The *Route 15 Corridor Study* continued its progress with the stakeholders meeting to agree to vision and goal statements for the corridor.

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.ccmpto.org/data/counts.html> for more data information. Staff continues to build 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. Our summer data collection has ramped up and our interns and staff have been consistently out around the region collecting the traffic data that then becomes the basis of so much of the planning and design work that occurs in the region.

The *Underhill Flats sidewalk feasibility study* continues with the final report expected to be delivered in June.

The *Severance Corners traffic study* was delivered in May in draft form and is now being reviewed by the Town, MPO staff and VTrans.

The *Richmond village parking study* was finalized in May and is complete.

The *Circe Williston EIS* process continues. Public meetings around the region were held in May for the public to begin to hear what the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will consider. For more information please go to <http://www.circeis.org>

Richmond and Williston finalized the *East Hill Road Transportation Study* in May.

A public presentation of draft report for Jericho's *Dickinson Street technical assistance project* was scheduled for June 13th.

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* continued with a meeting with Westford in May. A meeting with St. George is to occur in June. Please do contact us if your community has not engaged in this opportunity.

The *Transportation Improvement Program* for fiscal years 2008 – 2011 is currently under development. The committees have completed their work and the draft TIP will begin the formal public hearing process that leads to adoption, hopefully at our July meeting).

The *VT15/Sand Hill Road draft report* has been completed. The Essex Selectboard supported the preferred alternative in May and the project is now awaiting VTrans review.

The *Bridge Street Bridge* scoping project held a local concerns gathering in May. The consultant is now developing alternatives for consideration.

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. Formal notice of the bylaw modifications was sent to the Communities in May with a public hearing scheduled to occur on June 20th. The draft bylaws can be found at <http://www.ccmpo.org/newsroom/releases/20070524.html>.

The MPO has selected a *project management tool* for implementation. We anticipate going live with this tool on July 1st.

The MPO developed and hosted an *innovative finance workshop* on June 4th. It was well attended and a great deal of ideas and next steps were identified.

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@ccmpo.org.