

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### FISCAL YEAR 2007 – October 2006

The *CCMPO Board* held its Annual meeting on October 18th. The focus of this year's event was to kick off the organizations futures initiative which is focused on understanding those issues that are emerging as major sources of change to our industry and world in the future so that we may learn about them, educate the public, and ultimately incorporate that learning into our products. Dr. Dennis Meadows provided our keynote address with a focus on Peak Oil and how the production of less oil over the coming decades will change our world and the business we are in. We can make a DVD of this event for anyone who would like a copy – just let us know.

The *Western Vermont Corridor Study* was initiated with a kick off meeting with representatives from all of the regions along the western side of Vermont. The CCMPO is going to be the lead agency in performing this analysis, with broad support and input from the five regional planning commissions along the corridor. The purpose of the study is to determine how best to utilize and maximize both the Route 7 and railroad infrastructure, in conjunction with each other.

The *Route 2 Corridor Study* received the Traffic Forecast and Analysis information from the consultant. The draft corridor plan report is expected in December 2006

*The Route 15 Corridor Study* continued the work of responding to comments from the public on existing conditions in the corridor. The consultant also provided a summary of existing studies.

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

*Data collection* continued with work collecting pavement data in Milton. Continued collection of intersection and ATR count data, as well as some Bike & Ped. data, and Park & Ride usage data. See <http://www.ccmpto.org/data/counts.html> for more data information.

CCMPO staff continues providing the *Circ EIS* consultant with information on CCMPO data sources and models. Staff continues attending Circ EIS technical committee meetings. More information on the project is available at <http://www.circeis.org> .

The *Hinesburg Village sidewalk feasibility study* final report was delivered in October.

The *Underhill Flats sidewalk feasibility study* public meeting was held in October. The public suggested expanding the study slightly to the north to provide better connectivity. A draft report expected in late November/ early December.

The *Charlotte Thorp Brook culvert technical assistance field survey* was completed in October, with the final report being delivered to town on 11/1.

*Charlotte Ferry Rd / Greenbush Rd paths feasibility study* site visit held in early October. Town is working on expanding citizen involvement for this study before issuing notice to proceed with work.

Richmond and Williston continue initial work on the *East Hill Road Transportation Study* with the work expected to be completed by the end of the year

The *Jericho Dickinson St technical assistance project* continued with the consultant developing a draft study for steering committee review in November.

The *Chittenden Traffic Alert Program* continues to operate for the remainder of the construction season. This program provides information to citizens regarding where construction is occurring. To view the current information please follow this link. <http://www.ccmpto.info/cta/>

The Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) grant program received three applications which were reviewed by a committee who has made funding recommendations made to Executive Director. A final decision is due in November.

With the development of a *Transportation Improvement Plan* for fiscal years 2007 – 2010 complete, a brochure showing the projects that are funded in the document was prepared and distributed to communities and other stakeholders.

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

The scoping study for the *South Burlington / Williston Multiuse Path Connection (Bridge over Muddy Brook)* saw the final report in the end stages of completion. The Williston Selectboard, after meeting with staff, endorsed the preferred alternative.

Scoping for the *VT116 Potash Brook Culvert* project in South Burlington continued with alternatives being presented to the Selectboard at a meeting in early October.

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).