



## APPENDIX B—Resolutions in support of Chittenden County’s participation in 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation

### Resolution to Support Participation in Rails-to-Trails Conservancy’s 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation

WHEREAS, nearly half of all trips in the United States are three miles or less<sup>1</sup> and that with significant investment in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, there is an opportunity to demonstrate a substantial shift to these healthy, non-motorized transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, bicyclists and pedestrians represent 14 percent of all traffic fatalities in the United States, yet receive less than one percent of all federal road spending<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS, SAFETEA-LU created the *Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program* to construct a network of nonmotorized transportation infrastructure facilities in order to demonstrate the extent to which bicycling and walking can carry a significant part of the transportation load, thus playing a major role in transportation solutions; and

WHEREAS, four communities (Columbia, Missouri; Marin County, California; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota; and Sheboygan County, Wisconsin) were selected to each receive grants of \$6,250,000 per fiscal year for four years to participate in the *Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program*; and

WHEREAS, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy seeks to expand this program in the next federal transportation reauthorization to include at least 40 communities, with \$50 million per community over six years to promote active transportation (trails, biking and walking) for mobility; and

WHEREAS, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy has identified the Burlington, Vermont area as a potential candidate for the expanded program, called the *2010 Campaign for Active Transportation*; and

WHEREAS, the greatest potential to increase walking and bicycling in Vermont is within the urban and suburban communities of Chittenden County – the largest metropolitan area of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) has charged its Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee to update the 2003 Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan, a plan based on constructing inter-municipal links and to close the gaps in the regional pedestrian/bike path network; and

WHEREAS, our region benefits from active bike-pedestrian-trails groups in most municipalities and a strong regional advocacy organization Local Motion; and

<sup>1</sup> FHWA. 2006. Federal Highway Administration University Course on Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation: Student Workbook (second edition). Report No. HRT-05-133.

<sup>2</sup> STPP. 2003. The \$300 Billion Question: Are We Buying a Better Transportation System? [www.transact.org/library/300B/Executive\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.transact.org/library/300B/Executive_Summary.pdf). Last accessed August 23, 2007.



WHEREAS, AARP has recently completed the Burlington Livable Community Project Action Plan which calls for significant improvements to the city's pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Greater Burlington municipalities in Chittenden County continue to plan and develop active transportation infrastructure to:

- improve air quality,
- relieve congestion,
- promote healthy lifestyles,
- support public transportation
- improve transportation efficiency,
- create safer alternative transportation routes,
- reduce the burden on infrastructure maintenance,
- promote economic vitality, and
- invigorate our sense of community.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: We the undersigned parties strongly support Chittenden County's participation in the *2010 Campaign for Active Transportation* for the significant non-motorized transportation opportunities it will provide.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007 by:

Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization

  
Jeffrey B. Carr, Chair

Date 9/24/07



The following municipalities, organizations and agencies each presented signed resolutions to the CCMPO for inclusion in this effort:

- City of Burlington
- City of South Burlington
- City of Winooski
- Town of Bolton
- Town of Charlotte
- Town of Colchester
- Town of Essex
- Town of Hinesburg
- Town of Huntington
- Town of Jericho
- Town of Richmond
- Town of Milton
- Town of Shelburne
- Town of St. George
- Town of Underhill
- Town of Westford
- Town of Williston
- Village of Essex Junction
- Vermont Department of Health
- AARP Vermont
- Burlington Bicycle Council
- Burlington Walking Work Group
- Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission
- Chittenden County Transportation Authority
- Lake Champlain Bikeways
- Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Local Motion
- Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition