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Diane Benware, Chair Addison County Regional Planning Commission dianembenware@gmail.com

RE: Interstate 89 2050 Study

Dear Ms. Benware:

I'm writing to touch base with you on the <u>Interstate 89 2050 Study</u>, which is underway and entering its first phase of public outreach. Given the broad nature of this study and its impact on our neighbors both near and far, the CCRPC would like to work closely with you to ensure that all voices are heard and our common interests are identified.

This study will analyze the capacity of the Interstate and its interchanges in terms of safety and operation, with recommendations for the future. One possibility to be explored is a new interchange at Vermont 116 in South Burlington, which may have implications for your county and northwest Vermont. Charlie Baker, CCRPC Executive Director, and I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how best you can participate as we move forward.

We've been communicating with stakeholders, bordering RPC Directors, and transportation staff to advertise the upcoming public meetings and request assistance in getting the word out via newsletters and Front Porch Forum. These meetings are an opportunity for the public to provide comments and discuss the initial draft vision, goals, and objectives of the study:

Interstate 89 2050 Study Public Meeting Schedule (Round 1)
Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>: South Burlington City Hall, 6-8pm
Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>: Williston Town Hall, 6-8pm
Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>: Winooski City Hall, 6-8pm

Of course, we welcome your participation at these meetings. In addition, please let Charlie and I know if you would like to set up a separate meeting to discuss the study.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Best regards,

Michael O'Brien

Chair, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

Cc: Charlie Baker, Executive Director, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Adam Lougee, Executive Director, Addison County Regional Planning Commission