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**RE: 2012 Municipal Park-and-Ride Grant Program**

Dear Town Official:


The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) is soliciting proposals for the creation of small Park-and-Ride Facilities in Vermont communities. For the eighth year in a row the Vermont Legislature has provided funding to support the encouragement of local communities to develop small municipality owned and maintained Park-and-Ride Facilities. The 2012 Municipal Park-and-Ride Grant Program has been funded with \$300,000.00. These facilities will assist in the effort of reducing the number of single occupancy vehicles (SOVs) on the roadway, which in turn helps to reduce vehicle pollutants and traffic congestion.

In order to be eligible for this grant, the proposed facility must be located on Municipality or State owned land, on or near a State Highway, available to commuters on a daily basis year round, provide parking for a minimum of ten vehicles, and will be owned and maintained by the local municipality. The grant funding is available for engineering and construction activities. If public transit is present nearby, collaboration with the provider is encouraged. There are two small changes to the program this year, 1) The project will need to be constructed within two years of executing the grant agreement with some provisions for extension and 2) The first half of the grant award will be available once construction of the project has begun, with the second half paid after project completion.

If your community has an interest in developing a Park-and-Ride Facility and would like to receive a grant to do so, please fill out the enclosed application and submit it prior to August 19, 2011. Communities that were unsuccessful in the past are encouraged to reapply. Developed plans are not necessary at this point. Depending upon the number of responses received, a small competitive process may be necessary to determine which towns will receive funding. Additional grant and development information will be provided to interested communities who have submitted applications. You can also find the application and information on-line at the following web site: <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/parknride/>

If you have any questions, I may be reached at the address or telephone listed above.

Sincerely,



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