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**BURLINGTON SUBMITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR
CHAMPLAIN PARKWAY**

*Federal Highway Administration Now Will Consider Road Project; Opportunity for Public
Comment*

Burlington, VT – September 24, 2009. The City of Burlington submitted today the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Champlain Parkway road project, also known as the Southern Connector. The submission of the FSEIS was made to the Federal Highway Administration.

Written copies of the FSEIS are available for viewing at several public locations including:

Department of Public Works 645 Pine Street Burlington, VT 05401	Fletcher Free Library 235 College Street Burlington, VT 05401	University of Vermont Library 85 South Prospect Street Burlington, VT 05405
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Vermont Agency of Transportation 1 National Life Drive Montpelier, Vermont 05633	Federal Highway Administration 87 State Street Montpelier, Vermont 05601
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Written copies are also available upon request from the City's Department of Public Works at 863-9094.

The Champlain Parkway is a road project first designed in the 1960s as the "Southern Connector" with the intent of re-routing truck traffic from neighborhoods in Burlington's South End going to the Pine Street corridor and points downtown. It is one of the few remaining road

projects in the country with a 95 percent federal funding share, with 3 percent and 2 percent provided respectively by the State of Vermont and Burlington.

The FSEIS will now be reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration, which will issue a Record of Decision regarding whether the project should proceed.

Burlington Mayor Bob Kiss encouraged the public to learn more and weigh in about the project. “I’m pleased that we’ve reached the point of completing and submitting the FSEIS for the Champlain Parkway,” said Mayor Kiss. “I look forward to the public review process by the FHA and continuing to move ahead on the project.”

Information regarding the FSEIS and how to submit comments can be obtained on the Vermont Agency of Transportation’s website at www.aot.state.vt.us under “VTrans Spotlight”. Comments will be received through November 1, 2009. Comments may be submitted electronically at burl-seis@state.vt.us or in writing to Mr. Kenneth R. Sikora, Jr., Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, P.O. Box 568, Montpelier, Vermont 05601 and/or Mr. Wayne Davis, Project Supervisor, Vermont Agency of Transportation, 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, Vermont 05633.