

Circ-Williston Transportation Project

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
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Abstract: This statement concerns the environmental impacts associated with the implementation of roadway improvements to address transportation problems in a project area between Interstate Route I-89 in the Town of Williston, the Town of Essex and the Village of Essex Junction in Chittenden County, Vermont. The purpose of the Circ-Williston Transportation Project (proposed project) is to improve access to, from and within the project area (from Interstate Route I-89 to the Towns of Williston and Essex and the Village of Essex Junction in Northwest Vermont) and remedy existing and projected deficiencies, including congestion, safety and mobility issues (including the movement of both people and goods). The proposed project resulted from numerous studies and plans for improving transportation in Williston and Essex that were undertaken at various levels of government since the late 1950s and a more recent scoping and alternatives analyses as part of this Environmental Impact Statement process. The statement compares the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of a reasonable range of alternatives on the natural, cultural and socioeconomic environment. The statement identifies a Preferred Alternative (Alternative 17), which involves the construction of a four-lane boulevard between I-89 in Williston and VT 117/VT 289 in Essex, primarily within the existing right-of-way acquired for the Chittenden County Circumferential Highway in the early 1990's. Mitigation is proposed to offset or reduce the unavoidable impacts of the Preferred Alternative.

Comments on this Final Environmental Impact Statement are due by August 27, 2010 and should be submitted via the project website at <http://www.circeis.org> or sent to either:

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