

**Appendix C**  
**Open House Notice and Ads**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS  
ON CIRC-WILLISTON  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), announces that three public scoping meetings in open house format have been scheduled for the week of March 14, 2005. The purpose of the meetings is to provide the public with information about the Circ-Williston Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to receive formal and informal comments from the public.

The purpose of the Circ-Williston project is to make transportation improvements between I-89 and Williston, Essex, and Essex Junction. On November 26, 2004, FHWA published a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the project. The Notice of Intent is available on-line at [www.circEIS.org](http://www.circEIS.org) or by calling the number below.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) are lead agencies for the project.

The EIS will identify and consider a wide range of alternatives to improve transportation in the project area. These alternatives may include but are not limited to:

- taking no action, i.e., the No-Build Alternative
- strategies to better manage transportation demand
- improving public transportation facilities and services
- improving existing roadways, pedestrian walkways, and bikeways
- constructing a new roadway connection between Route I-89 and Vermont Route 289 and other roadways.
- design variations of potential alternatives, as appropriate

Scoping is an open process involving the public, communities, concerned organizations, and state and federal agencies. Its purpose is to identify the major and important issues that should be considered in the EIS, including current and future transportation problems. Scoping also identifies possible options for addressing transportation problems, which should be studied in the EIS. The result of this phase is a Scoping Memorandum that records and responds to all comments and serves as the work plan for the EIS. Public and agency involvement will continue throughout the EIS process.

The open houses offer the public an opportunity to bring ideas and voice opinions to the EIS study team just as the project gets off the ground. The Open Houses will provide opportunities to discuss transportation problems, options for improvement, land use/transportation issues, and community/environmental issues with project staff. During the evening there will be two 15-minute presentations on the EIS process

Public comments may be submitted at the open houses, through the project website, or in writing to:

**Richard J. Ranaldo, P.E.**

Project Manager

20 Kimball Avenue, Suite 303N

South Burlington, VT 05403-6805

Open houses will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the following locations. You may attend at any time.

- Tuesday, March 15 at Browns River Middle School, 20 River Road, Jericho
- Wednesday, March 16 at Williston Town Hall, 7900 Williston Road (Route 2)
- Thursday, March 17 at Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall

Facilities are ADA accessible. An American Sign Language interpreter will be provided for the hearing impaired.

Information about the Circ-Williston EIS will also be available at the following locations:

Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln Street, Essex Junction

Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, 21 Library Lane, Williston

Essex Free Library, Essex Center, Corner of Route 15 and 128

Fletcher Free Library, 235 College Street, Burlington

Vermont Agency of Transportation

20 Kimball Avenue, Suite 303N

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Phone: (802) 651-1745

For special assistance or further information, call Jim Purdy at the Louis Berger Group, 800-735-8999 ext 335.

# Circ-Williston

## Public Open Houses

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) will hold three public open houses to discuss the scope of a new environmental study on how to improve transportation from I-89 to Williston, Essex and Essex Junction. Members of the study team are seeking public comment on issues and concerns to be considered in the study. ***All members of the public are encouraged to attend.***

| March 15<br>Jericho                                      | March 16<br>Williston                                    | March 17<br>Burlington  |
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| Browns River Middle School,<br>20 River Road,<br>Jericho | Williston Town Hall<br>7900 Williston Road,<br>Williston | Contois Auditorium,<br>Burlington City Hall<br>149 Church Street,<br>Burlington |

### 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Open House with Informal Discussion

15-minute project presentation, 7:00 and 8:00 pm.

*Facilities are ADA accessible.*

*Call Jim Purdy at 1-800-735-8999 x335 for assistance.*

For more information: [www.circEIS.org](http://www.circEIS.org)

The logo for Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) features the word "VTrans" in a stylized, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are white with a dark outline, set against a dark grey background that is shaped like a mountain range silhouette.