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Vermont Agency of Transportation & Vermont Youth Conservation Corps Celebrate Ten Years of Partnership

August 3, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. at the West Monitor Barn in Richmond

Richmond, VT – The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) and the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) have worked together since 1996 to provide alternative transportation routes and other transportation enhancements throughout the State of Vermont.

Through this partnership, hundreds of Vermonters, particularly young women, are annually introduced to careers in the transportation field while at the same time completing hundreds of thousands of dollars of high-priority alternative transportation projects statewide.

VYCC President Thomas Hark noted that it is virtually impossible to ride a bike or enjoy alternative pathways in Vermont without being connected in some fashion to this innovative program. “The partnership is a model for public/private collaboration, combining the best of state government and the best of the private sector. While both VTrans and VYCC meet their internal objectives, the public gets a significant bang for each dollar invested in this program.” It is a “model that all Vermonters can take a great deal of pride in.”



At 3:30 p.m., the Governor and project sponsors from around the state will make presentations with presentations by the 2006 VYCC Burlington and Montpelier Crews to follow. Refreshments will be served and the event is open to the public.

Guest Speakers: Governor Jim Douglas, Secretary of Transportation Dawn Terrill, VYCC Board Chair Ron Redmond, Greg Western from the Cross Vermont Trail, Geoff Beyer from Montpelier Department of Parks and Recreation, Lisa Coven from Burlington Department of Parks and Recreation, Lori Hirshfield from the Town of Hartford/Quechee Gorge Visitor Center Trail, and Rick Darby from Revitalizing Waterbury.

Where: The West Monitor Barn is located two miles east of Richmond on Route 2. Refreshments will be served and the event is open to the public.

Major Projects: Cross Vermont Trail, Vergennes Rail Trail, Ball Mountain Dam Trail, handicapped accessible trail to the Quechee Gorge, the Burlington Bikepath at Perkins Pier, the Waterbury Village Railroad Station, and many other projects throughout the state.

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