CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RECEIVED
MAR 16 2005
DEPT. OF PLANNING
& DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Valerie Capels
Director, Department of Planning and Community Development
City of Montpelier

Dear Valerie,

March 14, 2005

Thank you for notifying CVRPC of the Environmental Assessment currently underway for the proposed Multi-Modal Transit and Welcome Center on the Carr Lot. This project appears to fit nicely with the goals and policies of the Central Vermont Regional Plan. Specifically, the proposal should further the following Regional Plan objectives:

- encouraging historic settlement patterns (p.5)
- encouraging infill development (p.5)
- preserving access to scenic, natural and recreational resources in new development.
- promoting multi-modal transportation, including physical and operation connections between various modes. (p. 43)
- encouraging development which preserves the historic and architectural character of downtown areas (p. 78)
- supporting high architectural standards for terminal buildings, shelters, garages, and other transportation related facilities. (p.45)
- supporting the creation of recreation paths.
- The retention of undisturbed areas of vegetation along the banks of surface waters. (p.20)

Please be aware that this is a preliminary assessment based upon our current knowledge of the project. Should the proposal trigger Act 250 jurisdiction, CVRPC policies would require review by a subcommittee of the Commission.

Best of luck with this exciting and worthy project.

Sincerely,

Chris Walsh
Senior Planner

29 MAIN STREET · SUITE 4 · MONTPELIER · VERMONT 05602
802-229-0389 · FAX: 802-223-1977 · E MAIL: CVRPC@CVREGION.COM