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New Study on Transportation Mobility for Southern Windsor County

A new study has been completed by Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission which looks at how people within the region get from point A to point B without their own motorized vehicle.

A key outcome of the project was to inventory existing available transportation services. A summary of these services are available at <http://swcrpc.org/a2b-mobility-project/> in Appendix A and B of the report, and within an interactive online map. Services vary greatly, for example in number of rides provided, eligibility requirements, funding source, allowed trip purposes, vehicle used, hours of operation, advanced warning required to schedule rides, and type of organization or company. Each had their own unique service area which also adds to the complexity of people trying to find a ride that meets their needs.

Another key component of the project was talking with a variety of stakeholders to identify the challenges and opportunities related to meeting the transportation needs of their clients (in the case of the human service agencies) and for providing the ride (in the case of the transportation providers). A wide variety of stakeholders were involved in this project, including local hospitals, transit operators, community groups, social service agencies, and many others.

The project was funded through the Vermont Agency of Transportation Vermont Transportation Planning Initiative (TPI) and Springfield Medical Care Systems Community Health Team.

Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) is a compact of ten municipalities in southeastern Vermont, founded in the late 1960s. The ten member towns are Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Reading, Springfield, Weathersfield, West Windsor, and Windsor. The SWCRPC is involved in a wide variety of planning work including land use, brownfields, transportation, emergency management, energy and natural resources. More information about the SWCRPC can be found at www.swcrpc.org and www.facebook.com/SWCRPC.