



MEMORANDUM

TO: Colchester Selectboard
FROM: Marshall Distel and Eleni Churchill, CCRPC
DATE: November 22, 2022
RE: Exit 17 Jasper Mine Road Park & Ride Study

Responding to a request from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) completed a study to evaluate safety and traffic operations of a proposed Park & Ride facility at 2 Jasper Mine Road in Colchester. This was the highest-ranked location among 10 prioritized Park & Ride sites identified in a Northwest Regional Planning Commission study. The CCRPC, in coordination with VTrans, engaged VHB to further evaluate the 2 Jasper Mine Road location for a potential state-owned and operated facility. This study resulted in the following findings:

- While signalization at the intersection of Jasper Mine Road and US 2 is not warranted, other improvements to increase safety and reduce delays may be considered, such as implementing geometric modifications to create clarity for movements on Jasper Mine Road or the installation of advanced warning signs along US 2 to increase driver awareness of approaching the intersection.
- The proposed Jasper Mine Park & Ride site will provide an opportunity for relocating the Green Mountain Transit (GMT) St. Albans Link Express route to this facility to create a dedicated transit stop for this commuter service in Colchester.
- Bike facilities are currently present along US 2 and Jasper Mine Road connecting the proposed Park & Ride to Grand Isle, Milton, and Colchester. Bicyclists could access the proposed facility from the surrounding areas to use the GMT buses, which are equipped with front mounted bike racks.
- The Park & Ride is not expected to negatively impact the levels of service at the signalized intersections at the I-89 ramps in the future condition.

The CCRPC and VTrans will continue to coordinate with the Town on discussions related to this proposed Park & Ride at Jasper Mine Road. The final study report that provides a detailed review of the issues, analyses, and overall findings and recommendations can be viewed [here](#). The proposed Park & Ride on Jasper Mine Road is also included in the CCRPC's 2022 Chittenden County Park & Ride Plan, which can be viewed [here](#).

Please reach out to us (see contact information below) with any questions, comments, or concerns and let us know if you would like us to present this study at a future Selectboard meeting.

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