

March 22, 2012

Gregory Cota  
Office of Senator Patrick Leahy  
433 Russell Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Cota,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us today. We appreciate Senator Leahy ongoing support for active transportation and recreation. Here are a few key updates:

**1) Thank you as well for Senator Leahy's past leadership on MAP-21** and specifically for your support of the Cardin and Cochran amendment. This was an important victory for Vermont communities and the nation

**2) Walking and biking means Business in Vermont**

The final draft of the VTrans-funded VT Walk/Bike Economic Impact Study is out. Download study at: <http://www.localmotion.org/reports>. Besides a host of health and community benefits, there are many compelling economic impact facts:

- VT makes \$17M of bike/ped investments/year, creating 233 jobs
- VT bike/ped businesses have \$56M in sales, creating 1,025 jobs
- For every state dollar expended on bicycling and walking activities another \$2.87 is added in state revenues (state general fund, t-fund and education fund).

**3) Continued Support for a Multi-Modal Transportation Bill**

As Congress works on a new Federal Transportation Bill, we have two requests:

- Will you support a clean SAFETEA-LU extension – keeping the same policies, programs and funding in place until a new bill can be passed?
- Will you support dedicated federal funding for bicycling and walking programs?

In the new t-bill, we want to help you to preserve and strengthen Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School and the Recreation Trails Program. Let us know how we can help.

**4) Help Transform the Burlington Bike Path**

The beloved Burlington Bike Path was built 25 years ago and was not built to today's standards. It needs a \$16M comprehensive rehabilitation. We are working with the City to get an item on the city's Nov 2012 ballot, but would like your help in exploring federal funding options.

Vermont's entire delegation continues to be a strong friend of walking, bicycling, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Thank you for all you do.

Yours In Motion,

Chapin Spencer  
Executive Director

Luis Vivanco  
Board Member

Gregg Marston  
Board Member

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Senator Sanders  
Office of Senator Bernie Sanders  
332 Dirksen Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sanders,

Thank you so much for meeting with us today. We appreciate your ongoing support for active transportation and recreation. Here are a few key updates:

**1) Thank you for your support on many bike/pedestrian projects** including the Causeway Bike Ferry and the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. We expect to bring the first one to construction in 2013 and will continue to advocate for the LVRT.

**2) Thank you for Senator Sanders' past leadership on MAP-21** and specifically for your co-sponsorship of the Cardin and Cochran amendment. This was an important victory for Vermont communities and the nation

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Glynn Kerr  
Office of Representative Peter Welch  
1404 Longworth Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Kerr,

Thank you for meeting with us today. We appreciate Representative Welch's ongoing support for active transportation and recreation, and specifically recent efforts to fix HR 7 – the federal transportation bill. Here are a few key updates:

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### **2) Continued Support for a Multi-Modal Transportation Bill**

As Congress works through a new Federal Transportation Bill, we're here today with two requests:

- Will you support a clean SAFETEA-LU extension – keeping the same policies, programs and funding in place until a new bill can be passed?
- Will you vote for the Petri amendment? The amendment consolidates programs, restores bike/pedestrian funding, streamlines project delivery for small projects, and creates local grant programs.

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### **4) Join the Congressional Bike Caucus**

The Bike Caucus is a bipartisan Capitol Hill group to advance federal policies for cycling. Senator Sanders is a member.

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