

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The VT 103 Corridor Management Plan is a joint effort of the Town of Rockingham, the Town of Chester, the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, the Windham Regional Commission, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), and local residents and business owners to develop a comprehensive corridor management plan for the VT 103 corridor between VT Route 10 and the I-91 Exit 6 Interchange (see Figure 1 on next page). The Corridor Management Plan (CMP) is intended to accomplish the following:

- Inform State, Regional, and Town planning efforts
- Town and regional plans may incorporate the entire CMP or certain sections into town plans
- Provide suggestions for possible future local regulatory changes that benefit the VT 103 corridor
- CMP goals & policies inform Regional Planning Commission project prioritization processes and serve as a basis for future regional work programs
- Guide state permitting & project development

This Corridor Management Plan represents the culmination of ten months of strategic planning for the corridor. During this time, extensive investigations into transportation and land use conditions were conducted, and supplemented with input from the project Steering Committee, three public meetings, a meeting with VTrans program staff, and a web-based survey. A compilation of meeting agenda, public input, and meeting materials is included in Appendix A.

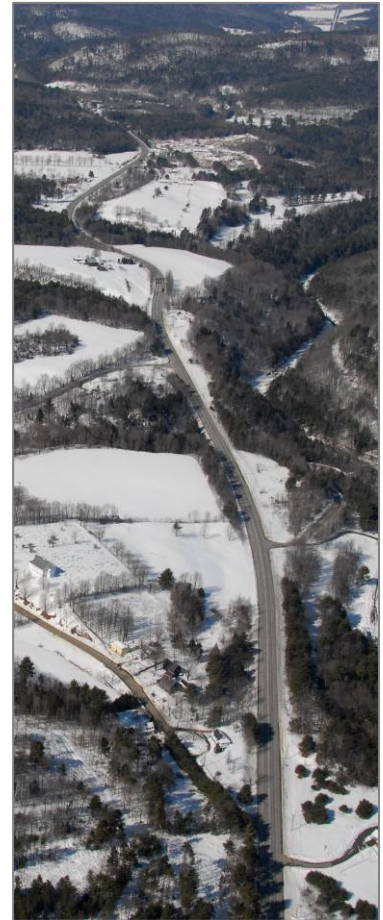
The VT 103 Corridor evaluated in this study includes a diverse set of land use characteristics – from rural to light industrial to village – as well as a diverse set of issues – from an expanding village center to concerns over tourist-related traffic congestion. The recommendations developed for the corridor are just as diverse, and include a wide range of transportation and land use related recommendations ranging from suggested zoning changes to intersection reconfigurations.

The VT 103 Corridor Management Plan is a joint plan to collaboratively manage VT 103

It's intended to:

The Corridor Management Plan includes the following sections:

- **Vision and Goals**
This section presents the Corridor Management Plan's Vision Statement which provides a general insight into the desired future state of the corridor. Following from the Vision Statement are eleven specific goals which provide the framework within which the Plan was developed.



VT 103 looking west, with the Rockingham Meeting House near left, and Rockingham's Transport Park in the distance.



- Existing Conditions**
 The existing land use assessment provides an overview of the existing land use characteristics found along the corridor, including both the physical land uses as well as the land use policy framework. The existing transportation assessment summarizes various aspects of the corridor, including traffic volumes, safety, and infrastructure assessment.
- Future Conditions**
 Building from the existing conditions, this section explores the corridor's future based on current policy and growth trends. This section presents the corridor as it would be in 2030 without and significant changes to land use regulations of transportation infrastructure. Comparing this future assessment to the vision and goals for the corridor, one can then begin to articulate a set of recommendations needed to steer the corridor's future in a positive direction.
- Recommendations**
 The Plan's final section includes a summary of the prioritized recommendations for the corridor followed by a detailed description of each recommendation.

Figure 1 below shows the VT 103 Corridor study area from I-91 north to VT Route 10 in Gassetts.

Figure 1: Project Study Area

